

Annual Report of the Town

Gilford

New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2000



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DEDICATION



The 2000 Annual Reports are dedicated to Leo and Polly Sanfacon, in recognition of their decades of service to the community and the Lakes Region. Leo began his community involvement by serving on the Gilford School Board in the late 60's through the 70's. Both Leo and Polly served on the building committee, which planned and guided the construction of Gilford Middle-High School. After serving briefly as School District Clerk Pro-Tom, Polly lent her talents to the Budget Committee, serving from 1978-84.

Polly and Leo took a break from town service in the mid-80's as they focused upon their professional careers: Polly as a paralegal for a local law firm and Leo managing his dental practice. Now retired from their professional careers, Polly and Leo fill their days with tennis, classical music, reveling in the growth of their grandchildren, ...and again contributing their many talents to Gilford.

Polly returned to town service by chairing the Fire Station Building Committee, and now chairs both the Board of Library Trustees and Planning Board. Leo has spent countless hours in service as a member of the Economic Development Committee, representing the Town's interest on economic development issues, particularly during negotiations which the City of Laconia over the future of the Lakes Business Park and Airport Industrial Park. Leo also is actively involved in Teen Court, coordinating this innovative alternate diversion program sponsored by the Youth Services Bureau.

The Gilford community is proud to honor and recognize the Sanfacons' civic accomplishments, and thanks them for their longstanding commitment to the betterment of the community. We look forward to their continued involvement, guidance and counsel.

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**Town Officers
2000**

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT AT
TOWN MEETING**

Term Commencing on Day of Town Meeting

**Three-Year Terms
SELECTMEN**

Robert A. Jordan	Term Expires 2001
Robert A. Walter	Term Expires 2002
Lawrence M. Routhier	Term Expires 2003

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Eastman	Term Expires 2002
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TREASURER

Gregory Dickinson	Annual Term 2001
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

William Connelly	Annual Term 2001
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**Two-Year Term
MODERATOR**

Peter Millham	Term Expires 2002
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**Six-Year Terms
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Mary Lou Grevatt	Term Expires 2006
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2002
Dorothy Kereage	Term Expires 2004

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

George Sawyer, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2002
Gregory Dickinson	Term Expires 2003

Three-Year Terms TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bernard McLaughlin, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Polly Sanfacon	Term Expires 2001
Barbara Harris	Term Expires 2002

BUDGET COMMITTEE

J. Kinney O'Rourke, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Richard Hickok (appt until 2001 Annual Meeting)	Term Expires 2001
Jeff Jaran	Term Expires 2001
Sean Murphy	Term Expires 2001
Richard Campbell	Term Expires 2001
William Phillips	Term Expires 2002
James Annis	Term Expires 2003
Dennis Doten	Term Expires 2003
Susan Greene	Term Expires 2002
Doug Scott/Kent Baron School Board Members	
Lawrence M. Routhier, Selectman Member	

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

William Akerley, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Philip Brouillard	Term Expires 2001
Kenneth Kneur	Term Expires 2002

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Goodhue, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Douglas Hill	Term Expires 2001
Lee Duncan	Term Expires 2001
Tom Drouin	Term Expires 2002
Benjamin Graves	Term Expires 2002
Paula McDonald, Alternate	Term Expires 2001
M. Elizabeth Reinhart, Alternate	Term Expires 2001
David Buckman, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Marjory Hillman, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Lisa Marie Morin, Planning Board Rep	

PLANNING BOARD

Polly Sanfacon, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Lisa Marie Morin	Term Expires 2001
Carolyn Scattergood	Term Expires 2002
Jerry Gagnon	Term Expires 2002
Richard Vaillancourt	Term Expires 2003
Richard Waitt	Term Expires 2003
Richard Sonia, Alternate	Term Expires 2001
Robert A. Walter, Selectman	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meg Jenkins, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Thom Francoeur	Term Expires 2001
Corinne Demko	Term Expires 2002
Patti Smith	Term Expires 2002
Richard Nelson	Term Expires 2003

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Howe, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Richard Weaver	Term Expires 2001
Richard Foley	Term Expires 2001
Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 2002
Donald Chesebrough	Term Expires 2003
John Vorel, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Scott Davis, Alternate	Term Expires 2003

GILFORD VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Phil Arel, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Chuck Coons	Term Expires 2001
Julianne McConnell	Term Expires 2001
Ruth McLaughlin	Term Expires 2002
Elaine Gagnon	Term Expires 2002
Polly Sanfacon, Planning Board Rep	
Robert A. Jordan, Selectman Rep	

Two-Year Terms INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rutha Helfrich	Term Expires 2002
Shirley Snow	Term Expires 2002
Barbara Carey	Term Expires 2002
Georgetta Wixson	Term Expires 2002

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rod Dyer
Leo Sanfacon
John Vorel
Chuck Clark, Alternate

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Administrator	David Caron
Director of Finance	Geoffrey Ruggles
Chief of Police	Evans Juris
Director of Public Works	Sheldon Morgan
Director of Planning & Land Use	John Bobula
Highway Superintendent	Richard Petell
Director of Civil Defense	Sheldon Morgan
Health Officer	John Bobula
Building Official	David Andrade

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Joyce Papps
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OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE TOWN TREASURER

Deputy Town Treasurer	Jennifer Carrier
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OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director	Katherine Dormody
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OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Fire Chief	Michael Mooney
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OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE
RECREATION COMMISSION

Director of Recreation	Susan King
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ELECTED OFFICIALS OF
GUNSTOCK ACRES VILLAGE DISTRICT

Moderator	Craig Sikoski
Treasurer	Jan Combe
Clerk	Terry Crawshaw
Commissioners	Louis Combe, Chairman
	Steven LaBonte
	Robert Tondreau

TOWN OF GILFORD TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
MEDICAL AID	911

Appraisal Department	527-4704
Building Inspector	527-4727
Conservation Commission	527-4727
Department of Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4701
Fire Station (Business Number)	527-4758
Health Officer	527-4727
Highway Department	527-4787
Historic District Commission	527-4727
Landfill/Recycling Center	293-0220
Library	524-6042
Parks and Recreation Department	527-4722
Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line	527-4723
Planning Board Office	527-4727
Police Department (Business Number)	527-4737
Public Works Department	527-4778
Selectmen's Office	527-4700
Sewer Division	527-4778
Town Administrator	527-4700
Town Clerk-Tax Collector	527-4713
Zoning Board of Adjustment	527-4727

**Activity Reports
of
Officers, Officials,
Boards, Committees
and
Commissions**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen completed several projects in 2000 and initiated others, which we believe will benefit the community and its citizens for years to come. As with most other organizations, both public and private, we started the year with a watchful eye on the Y2K computer issue. We are pleased to report that no services were interrupted or data lost. Thanks to our staff for the continued oversight of their operations which assisted with the continuation of services during several computer conversion processes.

We are also pleased to announce that the Blaisdell Avenue Redevelopment Project was completed in 2000. The project included the extension of municipal utilities to Blaisdell Avenue and the realignment with McIntyre Circle. It is envisioned that these improvements, completed in partnership with the City of Laconia, will provide the catalyst for further commercial and industrial redevelopment along the Union Avenue/Lake Street/Blaisdell Avenue/Rte. 11 corridor in both communities.

Economic development efforts continued in 2000 as the Selectmen's Economic Development Committee worked towards finalizing an Agreement with the City for the development of Lakes Business Park—Phase II, and the Laconia Airport Industrial Park. The Selectmen secured the services of RKG Associates, who assisted by providing an independent review and analysis of the projects. RKG issued a report in the Fall, advising that it is appropriate for the Town to share property taxes revenues generated at the Lakes Business Park with the City for an indefinite period, provided the Town is adequately reimbursed for its municipal services costs associated with the development. Voters at the 2001 Town Meeting will be requested to approve an Intermunicipal Agreement governing this relationship. Upon approval, engineering of the two sites can begin.

During the past year, we signed a new Franchise Agreement with Harron MetroCast, which paves the way for the complete rebuilding of the cable system in Gilford. In addition to increasing the system's capacity for additional video channels, the project also brings high-speed internet access to the community, allowing residents to take full advantage of this communication medium and the information it offers. We have also added a full-time technology position at Town Hall, and partnered with the Gilford School District by sharing personnel resources to insure that both the town and school are equipped with information systems designed to make business transactions and information more convenient and reliable for the taxpayer.

In May, the United States Postal Service announced that Gilford would be assigned its own Zip Code, 03249, effective July 1, 2000. Shortly thereafter, the USPS announced that it was focusing on a piece

of property at Rte. 11A and Sawmill Road upon which to site a Carrier Annex and Detached Mail Unit. Recognizing that this project would effectively preclude the siting of a full-service retail post office in the community in the foreseeable future, the Selectmen have been working with our Congressional delegation to revise the scope of the projects to include retail postal services to Gilford citizens.

Acting upon a directive received from the voters at the 2000 Town Meeting, we conducted a comprehensive study to determine whether the community would benefit from aggregation of electricity. Unfortunately, the deregulation plan approved by the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission established a default electricity purchase price at a rate which effectively precludes competition for the next two years. We will continue to monitor this issue, and return to a future Town Meeting with plans or recommendations for additional action if determined to be in the best interest of the citizens.

We are pleased to note that the Planning Board has begun the process of updating the Master Plan, which serves as the Town's long-term strategic plan. We encourage all citizens to become involved in this process, as the recommendations contained within the final plan will guide the development of the community and allocation of its resources for many years to come.

Town voters will be asked at the 2001 Town Meeting to approve a bond issue which will fund the extension of municipal sewer to Gilford Village. We conducted a study of this project during 2000, which led to our recommendation for funding. If approved by the voters, construction would begin in late Summer/early Fall, 2001, with completion in late 2002.

The composition of a community is not measured by its residential, commercial or industrial properties, municipal and school facilities, or road networks. Rather, a community is measured by its citizenry, and we are very fortunate to serve alongside many dedicated, involved citizens who sacrifice their time preserving the community's resources and guiding its future.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Walter, Chair
Robert A. Jordan
Lawrence M. Routhier

GILFORD APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT TOWN ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The market continues to escalate in the Lakes Region and Gilford. This past year (2000) the Appraisal Department began a necessary process to update assessments over a two-year period.

This past fall taxpayers across-the-board realized an increase to their assessment. Some property types, such as waterfront properties and condominiums realized a greater increase than typical single-family homes in the Town. This is because these property types increased in value at a greater rate than single-family homes.

However, the market is continuing to increase for all properties in the Town, and our department is preparing to address the change in the market with another assessment update effective for this coming fall tax bill (2001).

Most all properties will see an increase ranging from 15% to 20% this 2001 year. Our land and building schedules have not had a major update since the full revaluation in 1993. This year we will be analyzing land sales and building values, and will be developing all new schedules for 2001. These changes will be based upon the current real estate market in Gilford (as of April 1, 2001).

Our department has been updating certain sectors of our property base annually since 1994. The reason we proceed in this manner is to avoid a full revaluation by an outside firm (current cost approximately \$500,000), and to ensure that our Town is properly represented at the State level for the Statewide school tax rate. When our assessments do not reflect full value, the State adjusts our assessments upward according to our previous years assessment-to-sales ratio. We need to be certain that their calculations properly reflect actual conditions in the Town.

We also want to ensure that no property in the Town is over or under-assessed at any time, not just when a full revaluation occurs.

Our cycled inspection process is continuing apace. We attempt to inspect approximately 20% of all improved properties each year. This year we will be visiting all commercial properties, and residential properties along Cherry Valley Road and the south-east section of the Town. We perform these inspections in order to ensure that our database of property characteristics is accurate and current. We also continue to inspect every property that has sold over the year.

We thank all taxpayers for their continuing patience and cooperation as we strive to keep our assessments and technology current. We ask that you take the time to review your assessment records when you have the opportunity, and inform us of any information that may not be current.

We also extend our thanks to our fellow Town employees for their support and assistance, and to the Town Administrator and Selectmen for their support and wisdom in the direction of our department.

Gilford Appraisal Office.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

As we say goodbye to the year 2000, we do so with a little sigh! It has been such a busy year with many more vehicles registered (over 10,000), dogs licensed, boats registered, and municipal agent fees collected than ever before in the history of the Town.

In addition, we successfully managed four elections, hundreds of absentee ballots, party changes and new voter registrations. From the Presidential Primary in February to the Presidential election in November, it was a very busy and ultimately controversial election year. From all the election workers, I wish to express many thanks to the taxpayers of Gilford who provided us with up-to-date equipment to tally votes.

There were several changes made by the Board of Selectmen to the rules for issuing beach, dump and Glendale permits that caused confusion for some, but hopefully made things a little easier for others. As the demand for the Gilford facilities increases, it becomes necessary to carefully monitor the use. Thank you for your patience in providing the necessary identification to obtain the decal permits.

Computer software problems plagued us with the billing of property, sewer and water, along with tax liens. Finding the solution resulted in more recordkeeping by hand, more corrective abatements and more hours spent keeping track of the different kinds of taxes, interest and costs collected in this office. We look forward to a more permanent solution in 2001.

I would like to thank my staff for their dedication and the taxpayers of the Town of Gilford for their patience, understanding and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2000 ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

The year 2000 has been a period of significant, multifaceted growth in Gilford. All zoning categories have seen notably increased land use permitting and construction activities in 2000.

In the residential districts, a major increase to 60 new dwelling units from a previous annual averages of 32 to 38 is highly indicative of the state of the economy and the desirable cliché that Gilford is an excellent place to live.

In the commercial districts, there is much interest by businesses to locate in Gilford generally and near McIntyre Circle specifically. In addition, development initiatives have been made to utilize land available in the Professional Commercial district at the intersection of Gilford Avenue and the bypass. This district, which in its sixteen year life has become a home for the well known Village West complex, a bank, a financial center, village shops, medical center and an animal hospital, is well on its way to become real community focus as a result of sound planning.

In the industrial district, the airport leads the way with the addition of several new aircraft hangars, signifying the increasing importance of this air link to the regional transportation system.

An objective forward view of the community indicates continued growth in all zoning categories at least for the next year and probably beyond. The following is a summary of the activities of the land use boards as well as the Planning Department:

I. DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE.

<u>1. Office Contacts</u>	1997	1998	1999	2000
Tel. calls received:	5940	6065	5739	6491
In person visits:	3567	3668	3821	3822
TOTAL CONTACTS:	9507	9733	9560	10,313

2. Building code administration.

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Building permits	227	257	262	280
Plumb. / Elect. Perm.	202	190	182	209
Sign permits	35	28	29	14
Demolition permits	12	16	12	20
Misc. permits	2	6	4	8
Driveway permits	50	52	66	73
TOTAL PERMITS:	528	549	555	604

3. Declared value of all construction.

	1997	1998	1999	2000
TOTAL VALUE	\$8,591,109	\$11,634,278	\$14,956,422	\$14,573,331

4. Inspection program

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Building inspections	520	436	463	564
Electrical (rough/fin.)	352	301	356	396
Plumbing (rough/fin.)	275	231	266	276
Zoning enforcement	199	141	101	144
Health Officer resp.	108	55	66	96
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	1454	1164	1252	1476

II. PLANNING BOARD.

Membership

Chair:	Polly Sanfacon
Co Chair:	Carolyn Scattergood Richard Waitt
Selectmen Rep.	Robert Walter
Reg. Members	Jerry Gagnon Lisa Marie Morin Richard Vaillancourt
Alt. Members	Richard Sonia

<u>Board Action</u>	1997	1998	1999	2000
Site plan reviews	42	47	38	30
Subdivision reviews	14	9	20	12
Master sign plans	3	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES	59	56	58	42

III. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Membership

Chair:	Andrew Howe
Vice Chair	Donald Cheseborough
Reg. members	Arthur Tilton Richard Weaver Richard Foley
Alt. members	Scott Davis John Vorel

<u>Board action.</u>	1997	1998	1999	2000
Spec. except. granted	7	10	6	7
denied	0	0	0	0
Variance granted	5	2	5	3
denied	9	6	6	6
Adm. dec. appeal grtd.	1	0	0	1
den.	3	2	1	1
Rehearing granted	2	0	0	0
denied	1	0	0	0
Equitable waiver grtd.	0	5	3	2
den.	1	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES	32	25	21	20

IV. HISTORIC HERITAGE AND DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Membership

Chair	Philippe Arel
Selectmen rep.	Robert Jordan
Plan. Board. rep.	Richard Vaillancourt
Reg. members	Chuck Coons
	Ruth McLaughlin
	Elaine Gagnon
	Julianne McConnell

In 2000, the Historic District Commission reviewed and acted on seven cases.

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Membership

Chair	John Goodhue
Plan. Board rep.	Lisa Marie Morin
Reg. members	Douglas Hill
	Lee Duncan
	Tom Drouin
	Benjamin Graves
Alt. members	Paula MacDonald
	David Buckman
	M. Elizabeth Reinhart
	Marjorie Hillman

In 2000, the commission processed 36 cases, performed numerous field inspections and participated in investigations relative to protection of environmentally sensitive and wet lands.

In closing, I want to thank Deb Laliberte, the Gilford Middle-High School intern program coordinator for allowing two interns, Marsha Sleeper and Tracy Whitehouse to work in our offices, doing a great job of a boring task. Their presence in our organization has been exemplary and the work done is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bobula
Planning Director

GILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2000

In this my thirteenth annual report as the Chief of Police for our community, I report the following.

The department was awarded a Federal grant from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of three bullet-resistant vests.

Through a cooperated effort with the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, we received two mobile data terminals for our police cruisers to better assist our Officers with communication and research.

The School Resource Officer Program, which was funded through a grant, continues to make a positive influence to our youth and in working with the schools. This proactive approach in law enforcement has brought positive feedback from the community and the Officers. Officer Denise Miller, who graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy in April, 2000 became the School Resource Officer in September. SRO Miller replaced SRO Matthew Gray, who has decided to continue his education on a full-time basis, but still serves with the department on a part-time basis.

In October, Lieutenant John E. Markland was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. This is the first time in 25 years since the department has had someone hold this position.

Other promotions within the department during the year included the promotion of Officer Dana Farley to the position of Field Training Officer and Officer David Perkins III to the rank of Corporal. Officer Kevin Keenan was also promoted to the position of Detective.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Program entered its twelfth year at the elementary school under the direction of Detective Kathleen Yale and Detective Kevin Keenan, while the Middle School program entered its sixth year.

Lt. Edison Cowing is coordinating the Explorer Program now in its third year. This program provides youths that have an interest in law enforcement to become acquainted with the criminal justice system.

The department continues to provide a number of community programs in the following areas: Seatbelt Safety, Halloween Safety, Child ID, Bicycle Safety and Crime Watch.

The department also has specialized training units in areas of: Accident Investigation, Latent Print Recovery, Honor Guard and Emergency Response.

Youth related cases increased from 292 in 1999 to 326 in 2000 as well as dealing with 497 individual youths compared to 353 in 1999.

As we enter the new century, the department stands committed in providing the town with the most professional and courteous police

services. In achieving this, I would like to thank each member of this department for their service in reaching these goals each and every year.

The department has always been very fortunate to receive community support for its programs and services and for that we are always thankful.

Lastly, I would like to thank the other Town Departments as well as the Gilford School District. It is your understanding and cooperation throughout the year that makes this community complete.

Activity Report – December 31, 1999

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Telephone Calls Received (Dispatch)	34233	23306 **	25400
Outgoing Telephone Calls (Dispatch)	7092	4952	5924
Calls For Service	15187	14657	13938
Cruiser Mileage	171315	178615	150665
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	5
Robbery	4	2	1
Aggravated Assault	12	35	14
Burglary	22	25	27
Larceny	196	142	215
Auto Theft	26	8	18
Simple Assault	69	113	127
Arson	3	2	0
Embezzlement	0	1	1
Criminal Mischief	93	110	122
Prostitution	0	0	0
Drug Offenses	41	47	42
Gambling	0	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	47	68	44
Intoxications	49	45	80
Parking Tickets	145	101	124
Accidents (Motor Vehicle)	292 *	313	341 *
Traffic Tickets	1926	2217	1621

* Includes (2) Fatal Accident

** Phone System with Voice Mail

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris
Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The year 2000, while perhaps not the true start of the millennium, none-the-less has been one of ambitious undertakings and long range planning for this department.

In the Highway Division we are working towards finalizing our equipment and truck purchases in the next couple of years which will give us a new and more cost effective fleet for road work and winter maintenance activities. If the new equipment lasts as long as the previous ones did, we should get many, many years of service from them. This past year saw some major repair work done to Sherwood Forest Drive and its intersection with Wild Acres Road as the spring rains did severe damage to our drainage system in this area. The Highway Division rebuilt a substantial amount of the subsurface drainage and also contracted to rehabilitate Sherwood Forest Drive, which was part of our long range Capital Improvement Program. This year also saw new faces in our Highway Division. Jamie Brown, Robert Mahoney and Lori Natoli have signed on to become part of our operation.

The Sewer Division keeps busy replacing out dated water meters, with new installations and the general maintenance of our sewer system. Patrick O'Reilly assisted our Sewer Technician this past summer, performing many of the routine chores thereby allowing Marshall Bishop to turn his attention to more pressing issues. Also, we were fortunate to pick up a Military surplus step van to replace our 1989 Ford pick up that was also purchased used at the time. The "new" van is being outfitted to perform an array of functions which will make the job of sewer maintenance much easier, plus the final cost is considerably below that of purchasing a new unit.

Our recycling center continues to be a source of activity. I am told that we continue to see new faces visiting our operation frequently. The following is a summary of this past years activity (you will note a policy change in the way we accept brush, therefore a reduction in the amount delivered is shown):

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
	(ALL FIGURES IN TONS)		
Aluminum/tin cans recycled	5.84	5.67	6.44
Newspaper/magazines recycled	103.55	104.33	109.88
Combined glass recycled	<u>43.50</u>	<u>40.50</u>	<u>35.50</u>
Total tonnage recycled	152.89	150.50	151.82

Brush/small wood incinerated 830,000* 325,000 174,000

(All figures are in cubic feet)
*(reflects ice storm damage)

This past year saw the final paving completed at our Glendale Island facility. We were able to “squeeze in” a couple more parking spaces thus allowing for more space to park. The surface drainage and traffic flow has been improved thereby making boat launching a bit more user friendly. I want to thank those that used our facility and abided by our new rules which created off-site trailer parking and thereby freed up vital space to park some additional vehicles. This year was a learning experience for us but I believe that we are on the right track.

Going back to our highway and sewer operations for a minute I would like to take a minute to remind those that travel through our work zones that travelling slow and cautiously will ensure the safety of our employees that must work in the roadway. When you see a sign that warns of such a zone, whether town or otherwise, please be respectful of those that must work in your travel lane and pass by in a manner that ensures their safety.

From an administration standpoint, Public Works continued to be a source of activity. With the economy still running high, contractors and citizen took advantage to improve their lands and buildings. The following chart reflects this activity:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Public Sewer hookups	19	18	30
Driveway permits issued	52	47	80
Dig / Trench permits issued	23	12	17
Request for Action forms processed	68	148	159

As I prepare to close on this year’s annual report I would like to share with you this department’s goals for the new millennium. We will strive to be more user friendly, more responsive to demands placed upon us, more precise in our work with the aid of the computers and will move forward with a sense of purpose to ensure our community is the best we can make it. As poet Robert Frost wrote, “two roads diverged in a wood, and I...I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference” so to is Public Works taking the road less travelled and embarking on a future which holds great promise.

Respectfully,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Sheldon C. Morgan, Director

REPORT OF THE GILFORD FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Gilford Fire-Rescue Department continues to strive to provide the highest level of fire and emergency medical services within an economic scope that is acceptable to the citizens of Gilford.

The year 2000 has seen several changes within the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department. As you are aware society didn't cease to function at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999. We, along with all of the other town departments were prepared to deal with whatever might have happened. Some of the changes that did occur included the addition of two fulltime firefighter positions within the department and the purchase of a new ambulance.

In last year's Town Report we told you about a fund raising project to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the department. We are happy to report that the fund drive was a success due to the generous donations of many individuals and businesses around the area. A thermal imaging camera was purchased and has been used on several occasions already. While it has not been necessary to use it to find a trapped victim in a fire, it has been used to locate overheated electrical fixtures within walls and ceilings.

The department now has four firefighter/paramedics available to provide higher levels of emergency medical services. One paramedic is a career firefighter and three paramedics are on the Call Company. There are several members of the department that will begin paramedic training this spring and one member is currently in paramedic school.

Public education programs in the school are continuing along with the fire safety inspection program in business and commercial occupancies. The best service that we can give the community is to endeavor to prevent fires before they ever start.

No matter how much we work on prevention, we must still be prepared for that inevitable fire that does occur. All members of the department do many hours of training each month. New members must complete the State Firefighter 1 Certification program, which is 188 hours in length, and this is just the beginning of their training. Another means of preparation for the department is to establish water supplies in different areas of town. This past year a new fire pond was constructed on the Bickford Road. This will provide us a year round water supply for those properties along Cherry Valley Road between Gunstock Recreation Area and the Yale Estates.

Periodically the Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluates communities to determine its fire suppression capability. The community is given a numerical rating from 1 to 10 based on the survey. Insurance companies then can use this rating to assist them in determining the rates for

homeowners insurance. The Town of Gilford currently has a split rating of 5/9 due to the amount of area with no municipal water supply and hydrants. Gilford is due to be re-evaluated in 2003. It is our goal to reduce our current rating to a 4/6 if possible. This type of a reduction should provide a decrease in homeowner's insurance premiums for most homeowners.

2000 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Structure Fires	13	
Grass/Brush Fires	6	
Vehicle Fires	5	
Hazardous Conditions	50	
Mutual Aid to Other Towns (fire)	31	
Miscellaneous Fire Conditions	48	
Total Fire Incidents		<u>153</u>
System Malfunctions	54	
Malicious False Alarms	4	
Unintentional False Alarms	58	
Miscellaneous False Alarms	4	
Total Alarm Activations		<u>120</u>
Medical Emergencies	482	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	74	
Mutual Aid to Other Towns (medical)	70	
Miscellaneous Medical/Rescue Calls	3	
Total Medical Incidents		<u>629</u>
Service Calls	48	
Miscellaneous Incidents	53	
		<u>101</u>
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2000		<u>1003</u>

The department would like to thank the people of Gilford for your continued support over this past year. We would also like to thank the other town departments and surrounding communities for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Mooney
Chief of Department

William Akerley, Chairman
Phillip Brouillard
Kenneth Kneuer
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and

vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Hillsborough	118	40	Debris Burning	263
Rockingham	49	24	Smoking	30
Merrimack	92	16	Miscellaneous*	151
Belknap	54	13	Children	17
Cheshire	41	20	Campfire	16
Strafford	58	13	Arson/Suspicious	14
Carroll	46	10	Equipment Use	9
Grafton	16	7	Lightning	9
Sullivan	12	2	Railroad	7
Coos	30	4		

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As always, we are pleased to submit to the people of Gilford the following information that outlines our facilities, programs, activities, and services for the past year. The responsibility of providing recreational activities and facilities to meet the ever-changing needs in our community continues to be most important. We are proud of our accomplishments, big and small, and we hope that you are as well.

As for our youth programs in 2000, our fall soccer program consisted of 14 teams with 164 boys and girls in grades 2 - 5 participating. Sixteen teams with 153 children in grades 3 - 6 competed in our youth basketball program. In March, we once again sponsored the Seventh Annual Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Basketball Tournament. Thirteen area teams competed, with the proceeds going to scholarships for deserving GMHS graduating seniors. With the strong interest in soccer here in Gilford, in July, we again brought the Major League Soccer Camp program to Gilford. The 6 English coaches provided a unique approach to the game for the 65 children (ages 6 - 12) who benefited from the week-long camp. Then in August, we again offered the Play Soccer Camp program. For our second year with this organization, we had 62 children (ages 4 - 12) working out for the week with the 6 English and Irish coaches. In June, we had approximately 100 children take part in our popular Shooter's Gold Youth Basketball Camp, under the direction of Coach Paul Hogan, his assistant coaches, and players. This was our ninth season of being able to offer this hoop camp to our kids in grades 2 - 8. For the second year, we offered a girls summer basketball program, under the supervision of GMHS coaches Chuck Kenney and Terry Wilson. Approximately 25 - 30 girls in grades 6 - 12 worked on their basketball skills in this 6-week program. This summer, we also added a boys summer basketball program, under the supervision of Jim Babcock and Rick Smith, with approximately 15 - 20 boys participating. The after-school sports program, co-sponsored with the Gilford Elementary School, continued to be popular with a number of 4th and 5th graders enjoying four sessions/activities throughout the school year. Offered in cooperation with Gunstock, our cross-country ski program got 19 kids out enjoying the snow. On the slopes and under the lights at Gunstock, we had 37 boys and girls take part in our downhill ski/snowboard program. In a bit warmer weather, we had approximately 85 - 95 kids dazzle us with their unique artistic abilities in our arts and crafts program at Gilford Beach. Swim lesson instruction was given to approximately 277 kids in the course of our 6-week program. We offered our Lifeguard Training Program, with a total of 3

participants taking part in the 5-week class. The shortage of lifeguard staff has hit all aquatic facilities around the lake and the state – therefore, we will try to continue to offer this very valuable instructional program whenever possible. We must also continue to pay our staff at a comparable rate with other communities in the area if we are to be able to keep our beach open with qualified supervision. Our summer tennis lesson program saw a dramatic increase this year, with 58 children and 14 adults hitting the courts. Head instructor Curt Chesley, with the help of Joanne Chesley, Jim Gray, Jasmyn Gray, Travis King, and assistance from many members of the GMHS tennis teams, put both the kids and adults through the paces during the four-week program. In August, we ran a 2-day Scienstational Workshop, and 35 children (ages 6 – 11) had a great time building and launching their own model rockets and learning more about electronics and our solar system.

As for adult programs, the coed adult volleyball program, held on Tuesday evenings at the Gilford Elementary School gym, continued to be very well attended. Our men's drop-in basketball program on Sunday mornings at the GMHS gym also showed steady attendance. During June, July, and August, we again offered a coed over 30 adult softball program. Our attendance in this program did drop to approximately 10 participants – most likely due to everyone's hectic summer schedules. The Gilford Pairs and Spares, the senior adult group, continued to be active throughout the year, meeting regularly twice a month. Our activities in 2000 included a trip to the Museum of Childhood in Wakefield and lunch at the Choo-Chew Café in Sanbornville, a cookout at Gilford Beach, a St. Patrick's Day pizza party, a Halloween Party, a potluck Valentine's Day party, and a catered Christmas Party. We welcome and encourage new members to become a part of this fun, social group – so come join us!

A variety of annual special events and activities were sponsored throughout the year. At our Easter Celebration, approximately 125 boys and girls came to see the Easter Bunny and to be entertained with a performance by the "Ha' Penny Theatre and Mr. Bear and Co.." Approximately 250 frightening (and funny!) costumed children showed up at the GMHS gym to enjoy a variety of games and activities during our annual Halloween Party. The Vacation Fun Days, co-sponsored with the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department, were well attended during the February and April school vacation weeks. Activities included ice skating at the Laconia Ice Rink, swimming at the Gunstock Inn, and hiking at Gunstock. The Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May, co-sponsored with the Police Department, saw approximately 75 children come out to get their bikes inspected and licensed and to participate in a bicycle skills test.

Gilford Beach continues to be a center of activity during the summer months. In spite of having weather that was far from ideal, the 2000 season was a busy but safe one, with a steady flow of vehicles passing through the gate daily. We again had a few new faces amongst our staff of lifeguards/swim instructors, gatekeepers, and maintenance employees. Overall, they are to be commended, for they performed their duties in a mature and professional manner throughout the summer. With the help again from several donations, we were able to acquire two new picnic tables and barbecue grills, which will be put into use during the 2001 summer season. As always, a great way to wrap up our summer beach activities was the Gilford Beach Water Carnival. Unfortunately, the weather was cold and damp – but we still had many diehards show up in order to participate in the games and activities. We had a Halloween theme, which seemed quite appropriate considering the weather conditions! Also, Jean Raso did another fine job operating the beach concession stand and feeding many hungry children and adults all summer long.

Once again, Mother Nature played some games with us, and on many occasions, hampered our ice-making efforts during the winter season at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink. The fluctuating extremes in temperature and poor weather conditions overall resulted in one of our worst seasons in terms of skating time and revenues. The rink opened officially for the season on December 29, 1999 and closed due to poor ice conditions on February 20, 2000. Revenues from the supervised skating and rentals totaled \$879.00. We did have many days where our ice conditions were excellent, and our attendance was outstanding for recreational skating and stick, puck, and helmet times. As always, we are keeping our fingers crossed for more stable, cold weather for the 2000/2001 skating season.

The upkeep and maintenance of the beach, the rink, and our other facilities - the Village Field, Stonewall Park, and Lincoln Park - continue to keep us busy. While challenging, it is truly exciting to see the heavy use that all of our facilities receive. In 2000, we saw a dramatic increase in the use of our newly reconstructed tennis courts and the basketball court at the Village Field. While the amount of vandalism at all of our facilities seemed to be less during 2000 compared to 1999, it is still of grave concern to us. The cost and loss of time by our staff and by other Town Departments in trying to correct these problems, and the potential for accident or injury as a result of these actions, should be quite alarming to all of us. We ask for your cooperation in helping to prevent this vandalism – please report immediately anything you see that could or does fall into this area of damage and destruction. Gilford is a great place to live, and we continue to try to keep it that way.

The results of our community needs assessment survey were made available during 2000. With the survey, we had hoped to identify our community's interests, desires, priorities, and opinions of our recreation programs, facilities, and resources. The data clearly showed a strong, positive use of our facilities and programs, and an interest and need in expanding youth/teen programs, expanding our athletic field facilities, pursuing the development of a recreation/bike path, and developing/constructing a community center. With these results, we have begun to reevaluate our future goals and objectives.

We once again sponsored the series of summer concerts at the Village Field bandstand by our very own Gilford Community Band. We thank them and applaud them for another great summer of music and entertainment!

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Town Hall, and the meetings are open to the public. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding programs, activities, and facilities. We also offer a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energies to help with our endeavors throughout the year. Also, thanks to all of the local businesses that sponsor and/or donate to many of our programs and activities. We could never accomplish what we do without all of you!

In closing, special thanks to the other Town Departments and to the schools for all their help and cooperation throughout the year. We are pleased to have served the people of Gilford in 2000, we thank you for your continued support, and we look forward with great anticipation to what 2001 holds in store for us. Remember...."We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing."

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission:
Meg Jenkins, Chairman
Thom Francoeur
Cory Demko
Patti Smith
Rick Nelson

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

As I write my first annual report as Library Director for the Town of Gilford, I am amazed at the strong traditions and number of “firsts” there has been for me personally. After 16 years of dedicated service to the library, Diane Mitton retired last summer. My tenure began in August and I enjoyed my first Old Home Day. The Friends of the Library organized the annual book sale and the serving of Pie and Ice Cream. A special thanks goes out to all the people who helped at the event — lugging books out of storage, setting up tables, selling books, baking pies and serving pie and ice cream. The event was a success by any measure – over \$2,300 was raised for the Friends.

My first annual Holiday Open House sponsored by the Friends included crafts for the children and entertainment provided by the Barbershop. Thanks to all the bakers and to all those who joined us in the fun and merriment! The Friends also sponsored a Holiday Reading Club for the children. For any book read, a slip was entered into the drawing for Buckets of Prizes. 119 children read over 400 books in the month of December!

I am pleased to report an increase in circulation to an all time high of 54446 items circulated, or about 9 items per resident in 2000. Approximately 15% of the total was media, including videotapes, books-on-tape, and a growing selection of compact discs and DVDs.

The library has been able to offer many adult programs thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library who sponsor a program on a quarterly basis. We also were able to sponsor book discussions led by scholars from around the state thanks to The New Hampshire Humanities Council. The discussions have been lively and thought provoking and will be continued into 2001. New participants are always welcome so stop in to see what we are reading this month!

Programs for children such as storytime, afterschool club, the summer reading program and special events had 1878 participants or an average attendance of 3.6 programs for every child enrolled at GES. Looking forward into 2001, we will be expanding our children’s programming to target infants and their caregivers with Laptime Stories and Songs. We also plan to add programs for young adults and special family events. The focus of our children’s programming has been to attempt to instill the love of reading and learning for children, their parents, and caregivers. We will continue to serve the community in this vein.

Space needs were a critical issue for the library in 2000. A library building consultant was hired to give us an analysis of the building. She

summarized by stating “the Gilford Public Library in the year 2000, is a partially-accessible overcrowded facility on a limited site with minimal parking... Staff work space is completely inadequate, and the use of public reading spaces for meetings and story hours limits the use of those same spaces for library purposes”. As such, we will be working on drafting a Library Building Program this year to plan a library facility to serve our community for twenty years into the future. Please come by and fill out a Library Survey, as public input is most welcome.

Many thanks to the support, dedication, and services of our professional and friendly staff, volunteers, Friends of the Library, the Town of Gilford, and our patrons. We will continue to strive to provide and ensure access to books, information, services and materials to meet the personal, professional, evolving and lifelong learning needs of the residents of Gilford.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Dormody
Library Director

Library Board of Trustees:

Bernie McLaughlin, Chair
Polly Sanfacon
Barbara Harris

LIBRARY RECORDS FOR NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1999 **\$7,022.67**

Receipts from interest	\$ 87.30
Receipts from fines	2092.87
Receipts from copier	2859.99
Receipts from gifts	3817.76
Receipts from trust funds	371.00
Receipts from miscellaneous	1107.48
Receipts from children's fund	2280.72
Receipts from New Hampshire Humanities Council	746.00

Total 2000 Income \$ 13,363.12

Less expenditures

Interest (Meeting Room Rentel)	100.00
Fines (Library Materials)	1136.23
Gifts (Library Materials, Passes)	3249.07
Miscellaneous (Library Supplies, Programs Library Materials)	112.35
Children's Fund	2387.98
New Hampshire Humanities Council	348.40
Copier	2194.30

Total 2000 expenses \$ 11,345.88

Balance as of December 31, 2000 **\$9,039.91**

Helen Howe Memorial Funds	\$ 7251.56
Lucile Allen Memorial Funds	\$ 21,835.03
Friends of the Library Building Fund	\$ 5000.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the investment and disbursement of Cemetery Funds, Capital Reserve Funds and various Trust Funds. Disbursements from the Capital Reserve Fund can be made only as a result of a Town Meeting vote.

The interest from the various Cemetery Trust Funds is applied to various individual Trusts. Of the income, 75% is allocated to pay for the maintenance of the Cemeteries (Pine Grove and McCoy) while the balance of the income remains in the Trust Funds to insure that there will be sufficient funds to maintain the cemeteries in good condition in the future. This year, \$5,700.00 of that accrued income was spent on Capital Improvements at the Pine Grove and McCoy Cemeteries.

Capital Reserve Funds are invested in separate Funds (by law) according to the purpose for which the Reserve Fund was established.

Any person wishing to receive further information may contact the Trustees through the Town Administrator's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
George Sawyer, Chairperson
Gregory Dickinson
Carolyn Smith

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During 2000, 21 single folks and 68 families, representing another 211 persons were directly assisted by financial relief, counseling, or information and referral services. Hardship and problems this year have included no health insurance, illnesses, and a number of underemployed families, many of whom have never before had to seek assistance.

Most of these folks have also been eligible to receive State-Federal Welfare Assistance in the form of checks, medicaid, food stamps and social services (524-4485). Federal Supplemental Security Income checks also help some persons with handicaps and others in low-income families (224-1938). The Julia Ladd Fund “for the worthy poor” is administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. An excellent resource list of helping agencies is found on pages 24-27 of our 2000 Verizon telephone directory.

There is an Energy Assistance Program at the Belknap County Community Action Center where money is still available (524-5512). It also maintains a Food Pantry for emergencies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also operates a food pantry along with its thrift store on 1269 Union Avenue (524-5470).

The Model Welfare Guideline, updated 1992 Edition, of the New Hampshire Municipal Association is the example for our own Gilford Welfare Guidelines earlier adopted by the Selectmen. These, used with understanding and discretion, best express our concern of “helping neighbors to help themselves.”

Again, for any questions, or for a neighbor who might need assistance, please get in touch through the Town Office (527-4700) or at home (293-4990). Let us all continue to share our blessings through this first year of the millennium.

Thank you.

William M. Connelly, II, A.C.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker

REPORT OF THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

The 81st Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held on Saturday, August 26, 2000. The weather was perfect in the morning as we kicked off the day's festivities with the traditional Gilford Rotary Club pancake breakfast at the Community Church, and of course, the parade. The theme for this year's event was "LET'S CELEBRATE THE FUTURE!" With all the anticipation of the arrival of a new era and Y2K wearing off, the Old Home Day Committee felt it was time to sit back, relax, and look ahead with excitement to what tomorrow will bring. The Parade Grand Marshal was Elmon L. Phelps, a Gilford resident since 1932, and the day itself was dedicated to the Gilford Public Library. As always, the parade was filled with a little bit of everything - floats, bands, antique boats, marchers (two and four-legged!), bikers, antique and classic vehicles, politicians, farm and lawn tractors, boats, etc.. By noontime, the entire Village area from the Library up through the Benjamin Rowe House was overflowing with activity. While everyone checked out all the food, craft, and game booths on the Village Field, the "HolyCow Duo" of Jeff Lines and Paul Warnick entertained us all with their music from the bandstand. As always, our Master of Ceremonies Bob Pomeroy kept things rolling with his announcing of the parade results and his great humor! The Opening Ceremony featured young Kim Anderson singing our National Anthem. As the afternoon progressed, the crowd enjoyed a performance by Larry Frates and his "Razzle Dazzle Road Show," and Beige Acres, a traveling animal exhibit/petting farm. As always, many laughs were had with the traditional games and field events, the pie-eating contest, and the egg toss. The Entertainment Tent also featured a dance performance by the Terpsicorps Dance Academy. At 4:00 PM, Piche's and the Bolduc Park Association sponsored their 2nd Annual Kids' Fun Run Race. Shortly after 5:00 PM, after the runners took off in Piche's 23rd Annual Road Race, things quieted down a bit at the Village Field. In the early evening, as the crowd started to return to the field for the night's activities, the RE/MAX Lakes and Mountains group offered hot air balloon tether rides, donating all of their proceeds to next year's Old Home celebration. At 7:00 PM, the crowd was entertained with a great performance by "Stage Right Summer Theatre," a 2-week Gilford Elementary School summer program. Later in the evening, our own Gilford Community Band set the tempo for the fireworks. At 9:00 PM, the skies over the Village Field exploded with our biggest fireworks display ever - a show with an over \$10,000. price tag! We finished off the evening with our traditional dance for all ages, featuring a healthy

Warren Bailey. At about 11:45 PM, we put out all the lights at the Entertainment Tent, dragged our tired bodies off the field, and headed for home! And once again, with the help of members of the Gunstock Nordic Association, the field clean-up the next morning went smoother than we could have ever hoped for!

We wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers, Town Departments, sponsors, and friends who once again helped to make this very special annual event happen. Plans are already underway for the 2001 celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 2001. If you would like to be on the Committee or to volunteer in any way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722. Ideas and suggestions are also welcome. Be sure to mark your summer calendars now for August 25th !!

Respectfully submitted,

Gilford Old Home Day Committee

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gilford Task Force on Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention was organized in 1989 to address the issue of drugs and alcohol in our community.

The Task Force is comprised of town officials, the Gilford Police Department, community leaders, educators, parents, students, representatives of area social service agencies, and members of the general public.

The mission of the Task Force is to unify community agencies and professional resources to provide community based, early prevention programs, and intervene for individuals at risk.

During 2000, the Task Force continued to work closely with parents, students, and community agencies to create awareness about the issues of drug/alcohol abuse prevention. The Task Force, in cooperation with Gilford Rotary Club gave a donation of \$200 to Students Against Destructive Decisions at Gilford Middle High School to support a pre-prom program which was intended to raise students' awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The Task Force has also supported the efforts of T.A.T., Teens Against Tobacco, a group of interested students developing a unified effort towards tobacco prevention for the Lakes Region and our youth. Teens Against Tobacco is an Upstream Tobacco Prevention Project.

The Task Force, in cooperation with the Gilford Parent Teachers Association, endorsed "Safe Homes", a pledge by parents to provide a safe home free from alcohol and drugs for youth. A panel discussion was held in November with all Safe Homes families to talk about what's happening with issues of drugs/alcohol in our community and how we can assure Safe Homes for our children. Interest was expressed in continuing to meet and communicate with other parents.

Included here is a pledge form. Please join in our efforts to maintain a drug-free community by participating in "Safe Homes". The pledge form may be returned to the Gilford Elementary School, Gilford Middle High School, or the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in working with the Task Force, or to receive mailings of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Gilford Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair

SAFE HOME PLEDGE

I PLEDGE to provide a safe home...

- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I'm not there.
- I will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I agree to have my name appear on a Safe Homes list for distribution and publication in area newspapers.
- I will not allow the use of tobacco products under the age of 18 in my home.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Children's grade levels _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Return this form to:

Gilford Elementary School
Gilford Middle High School
Gilford Town Hall

_____ Please send me a list of others in our area who have signed the Safe Homes Pledge.

GILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Land Conservation Task Force was authorized by the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting our natural resources.

Many acres have been preserved in Gilford through the NH Land Conservation Program and the generous donations of conservation easements from local residents. In recent years, the Town has benefited from donations of conservation easements from the Gary Allen family, the Parkman Howe family, the Weeks Woods in memory of Robert Weeks, John Rogers, Arthur Tilton, the Gary Francke family, and the Muehkle family.

In 2000, The Task Force worked with the Gilford Conservation Commission to purchase a tract of land adjacent to the Adder Hole on Harris Shore for the amount of \$28,000.

On behalf of the citizens of Gilford, we express our thanks to the families who have generously donated conservation easements to preserve the land for years to come.

Please contact the Task Force or the Gilford Board of Selectmen to discuss the advantages in the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair
Douglas Hill
Arthur Tilton
David Witham
Nathan Sleeper

KIMBALL WILDLIFE FOREST COMMITTEE

The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in May, 1990, with a charge to address the “remaining land” at Kimball Castle, which includes all the land of the Kimball Castle Property, excluding 20 acres surrounding the Castle. Two miles of trails have been completed on the property and were formally opened to the public in the Spring of 1992.

The trail system starts approximately 100 feet from the entrance to the parking area off Route 11. The trail is marked by blue rectangles with interpretive stations indicated by numbers. It is estimated that nearly 600 hikers a week make the trek to the top of Lockes Hill during the hiking season. Schools in the area make use of the trails for science and ecological studies, as well as the study of local history.

During the past year, the Committee has devoted time to the revision of the existing trail guide and interpretive trail stations. Hikers will enjoy a new trail guide, as well as more interactive and useful signs at each of the 16 demonstration sites on the trails.

Trail guides may be obtained from the Selectmen’s Office, Gilford Public Library, or at the site. Over 1000 trail guides are distributed each year to hikers and students in our schools.

Anyone interested in working with the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee, please contact the Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra T. McGonagle
Arthur Tilton
William Veazey
Joan Veazey
Bob Dean
Jan Dean
Gail Tebbetts
Sumner Dole
Joel Sonnabend

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 14, 2000

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booths. Copies of sample ballots, instructions and a copy of the town warrant were posted. Inspectors of Elections were Betty Helfrich, Georgie Wixson, Shirley Snow, Lois Jordan and Allan Whitney and were given the oath of office by Town Clerk—Tax Collector, Debra Eastman. The Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow was also given the oath. The Police Officer on duty was Jeff Bonan. Supervisors of the Checklist Carolyn Smith and Mary Lou Grevatt were present.

The Accuvorte tabulator had been previously tested by Town Clerk, Debra Eastman and Wayne Snow and found to be accurate. Moderator, Peter Millham signed a receipt for 1,985 town ballots and 1,980 school district ballots. He inspected the ballot box and found it to be empty and observed that the vote tabulator had printed a zero tape. At 8 a.m. he began to read the town warrant as follows:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 14th of March, 2000 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and on Wednesday, the 15th of March 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows. . . He was interrupted by Wayne Snow who made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. He moved to act upon articles number 1 and 2 and then to recess until March 15, 2000 at 7 p.m. to act upon the rest of the articles. It was seconded. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the polls open for voting.

There were 46 absentee ballots processed. There were 6039 names on the checklist and five new voters were registered during the day. There were 801 ballots cast. The polls were open until 7 p.m. At that time Joyce Papps, Jennifer Mooney and Selectmen, Rudy Lehr, Robert Jordan and Robert Walter helped to tally write-in votes. The Moderator announced the following results:

For Selectman—vote for one
Joseph F. Hoffman 76
Lawrence "Larry" M. Routhier 689 (elected)

Write-ins
Sandra McGonagle 1

For Town Treasurer—vote for one
Gregory M. Dickinson 735 (elected)

Write-ins
Joseph Hoffman 2
Paul Simoneau 1
Ken Wilson 1

For Town Moderator—vote for one
Peter V. Millham 708 (elected)

Write-ins:
Wayne Snow 2
John Kitchen 2
Christine Tebbetts 1
Richard Waite 1
Pat Labonte 1

For Fire Engineer—vote for one
William R. Akerley 703 (elected)

Write-ins:
Kevin Lacasse 1
Jim Carey 1
Philip Labonte 1

For Overseer of Public Welfare—vote for one
William M. Connelly 685

Write-ins:
Jim Cookman 1
John McGonagle 1
George Heilshorn 1
Rosemarie Shannon 1

For Library Trustee—vote for one
Bernard M. McLaughlin 698 (elected)

Write-ins:
Joe Hoffman 1

Supervisor of the Checklist—vote for one
Mary Lou Grevatt—708 (elected)

Write-ins:
Wallace Garival 1
Nancy Campbell 1

Trustee of Trust Funds—vote for one

Greg Dickinson 9 (elected) write-in

Milo Bacon 6

George Sawyer 3

Evans Juris 2

Mary Frost 2

Joe Hoffman 2

Norm Soucy 1

Georgina Wixson 1

Tom Francoeur 1

Douglas Dade 1

Don Lambert 1

Eddie Cantin 1

Joanne Pike 1

Polly Sanfacon 1

Jim Cookman 1

Shirley Snow 1

Mendon MacDonald 1

Tom Dudek 1

John Anderson 1

Zak Babcock 1

Lee Duncan 1

George Heilshorn 1

Steve Vran 1

Sally Paradist 1

Karen Craver 1

Sue Almond 1

George Hurt 1

Carolyn Scattergood 1

Thomas Rock 1

Dick Campbell 1

John McGonagle 1

Budget Committee—vote for one—One Year Term

Jeff Jaran—644 (elected)

Write-ins:

Bill Dowling 1

Don Meckstroth 1

Joe Hoffman 1

Al Demko 1

Budget Committee—vote for one—Two Year Term

William H. Phillips—646 (elected)

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 2

Budget Committee—vote for three—Three Year Term
 James Annis—603 (elected)
 Dennis Doten—622 (elected)
 Joseph F. Hoffman—6 (elected) write-in
 Budget Committee Three Year Term, Other write-ins:
 Doug Lambert 4
 George Hurt 3
 Robert Boulanger 3
 Alice Boucher 2
 Pat Labonte 2
 Elaine Gagnon 2
 Allen Demko 2
 Carol Welch 2
 Lee Duncan 2
 Evans Juris 2
 Arthur Tilton 1
 Greg Dickinson 1
 Russ Dumais 1
 James Ames 1
 Richard Campbell 1
 Philip Brouillard 1
 M. Bacon 1
 Leo Sanfacon 1
 Fred Wernig 1
 Susan Allen 1
 Russ Dumais 1
 Don Ames 1
 Jerry Gagnon 1
 Devitt Liptak 1
 Karen Roys 1
 Don Meckstroth 1
 Wade Crawshaw 1
 L. Routhier 1
 Stephen Carrier 1
 Steven Melbourne 1
 James Babcock 1
 Kevin Lacasse 1
 Ronald Hook 1
 Bill Cott 1
 Merrill Fay 1
 Fred Clark 1
 Bob Merwin 1
 Susan Greene 1
 John McGonagle 1
 Sandra McGonagle 1
 Tom Dudek 1

Greg Lang 1
George Sawyer 1
Alan Kirkman 1
Hal Kellerher 1
Gerard Breton 1
Katherine Dumais 1
Gary Lavalley 1
Philip Labonte 1
Stephen Labonte 1

ZONING AMENDMENT QUESTIONS:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend sections 4.3.3, 4.4.4, 4.7.3 (d) and 4.7.4 (a) to add “**Marine Repair**” as a new land use allowed in the Professional Commercial, Resort Commercial, Commercial and industrial districts?

Yes 559

No 161 Passed

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise and update the requirements for off street parking by deleting Article 7 Off Street Parking in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article 7, Off Street Parking, providing for revised parking requirements, allowing the Planning Board to reduce parking requirements when a reduced need is confirmed by a monitoring program, clarifying and revising requirements for parking shared between adjacent businesses and adding requirements for moorings and boat slips.

Yes 589

No 136 Passed

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend section **4.7.6 (e) Home Occupation**, to include home daycare, establish a limit for the number of children that may be cared for in home daycare and grant to the planning board the discretion to determine the amount of gross floor area of the dwelling that may be used for a home occupation.

Yes 580

No 161 Passed

Amendment #4. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section **3.46 Junkyards**, by redefining and prohibiting this use in Gilford.

Yes 656

No 100 Passed

Amendment #5. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **3.11 Building**, and add new Sections 3.11.2, 3.11.3, and 3.11.5 to provide new definitions of “**Building footprint**”, “**Building envelope**” and “**Building height**” and to provide a formula for the measurement of building height.

Yes 582

No 132 Passed

Amendment #6. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **Article 9 Non-Conforming Lots** by generally revising the provisions relating to non-conforming lots (9.1), non-conforming uses (9.2) and non-conforming structures (9.3).

Yes 489

No 177 Passed

Amendment #7. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section **8.10.6.2 Freestanding and Banner Signs**, to regulate the minimum height of freestanding and banner signs so as not to interfere with vehicle traffic sight lines at driveway and road intersections.

Yes 687

No 62 Passed

Amendment #8. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 4.3.8 and 4.7.3 (h) dealing with commercial storage facilities, to allow a new commercial storage land use, limited to office storage, in the Professional Commercial district.

Yes 546

No 168 Passed

Amendment #9. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4 Permitted Uses And Regulations, by adding new sections 4.3.8 and 4.7.3(y) providing for a new land use of “Vending”.

Yes 459

No 231 Passed

Amendment #10. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #10, proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Delete Section **15.5.1 Sanitary Facilities** (relating to setbacks) in its entirety as being obsolete and replaced by existing state regulations.
Yes 655 No 62 Passed

Amendment #11. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #11, proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Delete Sections 4.3.4, 4.7.3© and 11.4.2 relating to “Automobile Service Station” use in their entirety, retain the section numbers and replace with “Fuel Dispensing Station”, being “any facility engaged in the retail dispensing of fuel for the operation of motor vehicles or boats”.
Yes 624 No 92 Passed

Amendment #12. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #11, proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend **Table 2 Dimensional Regulations** to increase allowable lot coverage from 40% to 60% in the Professional Commercial district.
Yes 515 No 195 Passed

Amendment #13. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #8 as proposed by petition for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend the Official Zoning Map by changing the present designation of certain parcels of land (49 lots), located on the North side of Old Lakeshore Road between Route 11-B and Watson Road, from Resort Commercial to Limited Residential district, with existing businesses being grandfathered under the old zoning. **The Planning Board does not recommend this amendment.**
Yes 352 No 378 Defeated

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, Town Clerk—Tax Collector

**Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Recessed Town Meeting
March 15, 2000**

The recessed Town Meeting began with Moderator, Peter V. Millham in the chair at 7 p.m. at the Gilford Middle High School auditorium. The Moderator announced the results of voting from the prior day. The Moderator called for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then explained the procedure to be used by him for moving and seconding motions, explanation and discussion. Each speaker was limited to five minutes. If a speaker was recognized a second time he would be limited to three minutes. He explained that debate must remain on the subject within the article on the floor. He read from the Moderator's Handbook explaining that the meeting should be a courteous one. Moderator Millham introduced the two students who passed the microphones. They were Lauren Perry and Ingrid Groenke.

Selectman, Robert Jordan presented a plaque to outgoing Selectman, Rudy Lehr and thanked him for his service to the Town. Police Chief, Evans Juris presented a Police Commissioners Badge plaque to Rudy Lehr.

The Moderator read article 3 as follows:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,288,158 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4130	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$356,349
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	157,419
4150	Financial Administration	122,310
4152	Appraisal Expenses	65,193
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	936,388
4191	Planning & Zoning (includes L.R.P.C.)	183,252
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	226,638
4195	Cemeteries	3,600
4196	Insurance	187,009

Kinney O'Rourke, Budget Committee Chairman, moved to raise and appropriate \$2,284,318. It was seconded. The Moderator explained that this sum was different than the amount set forth in the warrant. Mr. O'Rourke explained that this article covers general governmental expenses, salary adjustments and a computer technician.

Mark Wright asked if the technology technician is under financial administration and was answered in the affirmative.

Joseph Hoffman was recognized by the Moderator. He spoke about the validity of the meeting and questioned the qualifications of the Town Assessor and others. As he spoke, Mendon McDonald called for a point of order. The Moderator ruled that Mr. Hoffman was discussing appraisal expense and he would, therefore, allow him to complete his five minutes.

Dick Pandolph asked about the increases in the amounts within the article. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke explained that they are primarily wage adjustments in order to keep competitive with the area job market.

Maureen Nix stated that she had taken time to add the figures within this article. She stated that they added to \$2,288,158 and not the lower amount that had been moved by Mr. O'Rourke. The Moderator asked for a clarification from the Board of Selectmen. It appeared to be a clerical error.

Mr. O'Rourke then moved to amend the article to raise and appropriate \$2,288,158. It was seconded. There was no discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

Bill Johnson asked about the amount budgeted for insurance. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that the town auditor requires that we gross budget workers compensation.

There being no further discuss on article 3, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,759,671 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations—Police	\$982,206
4215	General Operations—Ambulance Service	58,611
4220	General Operations—Fire	677,170
4290.1	Civil Defense	1
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	37,883
4414.1	New Hampshire Humane Society	3,800

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 4 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke explained the wage adjustments within the article and the addition of two full time police officers and two full time fire fighters.

Nancy Meckstroth asked about the "paddy wagon" vehicle, which she

had seen. Police Chief, Evans Juris explained that was obtained from the Dept. of Defense to be used for prison transport and equipment transport. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,705,755 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$89,901
4312	Highway Division	659,081
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	135,136
4324	Solid Waste Management	352,715
4326	Sewer Department	434,868
4330	Laconia Water Works	17,054

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O’Rourke moved article 5 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O’Rourke explained that this article includes wage adjustments for management and adjustments for union personnel in the Public Works Dept and an increase in the tipping fees. There were no questions. The Moderator read the article and called for the question. The vote was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 6 as follows:

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,673 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4290.9	American Red Cross	\$2,400
4419.1	Lakes Region Community Health & Hospice	19,000
4419.2	Lakes Region General Hospital	3,287
4419.3	Lakes Region Family Services	3,500
4419.4	Community Action Program	4,486
4419.5	New Beginnings	1,500
4441	General Assistance	50,500

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O’Rourke moved article 6 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O’Rourke explained the decrease in general assistance. Bill Johnson expressed concern with decreasing the general assistance budget with the recent increase in fuel

prices. Geoff Ruggles, Finance Director explained that last October when the Budget Committee reviewed the general assistance budget the fuel prices had not increased. It was noted that Overseer of Welfare, Bill Connelly was not present and had not requested an increase. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 7 as follows:

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$317,698 for the following Culture & Recreation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$131,729
4520.6	Skating Rink	8,032
4550	Library	158,961
4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,075
4130.5	Historic District Commission	550
4130.6	Thompson-Ames Historical Society	10,000
4611	Conservation Commission	2,351

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 7 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke explained the wage adjustments and the request of \$10,000 from Thompson-Ames Historical Society for cataloging and preservation of items. There were no questions or comments. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 8 as follows:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,367 for the following Debt Service, and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal—Long-term Bonds	\$256,788
4711.3	Principal—Winnepesaukee River Basin	4,754
4721.2	Interest—Long-term Bonds	112,824
4723.2	Interest—Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 8 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke explained the declining debt service. Jack Rupert requested the specific debt. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that we have the Town Hall debt of \$600,000, three sewer bonds of \$700,000 and the Cherry Valley Condo

sewer bond \$122,000 and \$22,400 to the state portion of the sewer. There were no further questions. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,459 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4903	Capital Improvements—Buildings	\$40,537
4901.9	Capital Improvements—Cemetery Land	10,000
4902.1	Capital Improvements—Administration	16,000
4902.3	Capital Improvements—Police	65,000
4902.4	Capital Improvements—Fire	47,422
4902.8	Capital Equipment—Highway	36,500
4902.8	Capital Improvements—Sewer	25,000
4909.8	Highway Reconstruction	260,000

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 9 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke explained that this article includes the purchase of two new police cruisers, renovations to the conference room at town hall, support of the mutual aid facility, expansion of the cemetery, highway equipment and recons.

Mark Wright questioned the 38% increase in capital improvements to buildings. Town Administrator, Dave Caron noted that it included \$12,000 to improve the conference room at Town Hall with a soundproof barrier and updated sound system. It also includes \$8,000 to secure services for space needs at the Library. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read Article 10 as follows:

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund-	\$50,000
To be raised by taxation-	\$100,000

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 10 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke explained that this article covers the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the 1994 ambulance. It is contemplated that the 1994 ambulance would be retained to do second calls.

Mr. O'Rourke was asked about the advantages of a new ambulance.

He explained that the new ambulance is designed to accommodate up to date medical procedures. Fire Chief, Michael Mooney explained that the 1994 ambulance is worn out. Kevin Hayes stated that if the current ambulance has trade in value he would not be in favor of retaining it. Wayne Domin asked about the capital reserve fund and the reason for withdrawing \$50,000. Town Administrator, Dave Caron stated that it is an attempt at keeping a stable tax rate and that there will be fire trucks that will need to be purchased within the next few years. Joyce Roberts asked if there was trade in value to the ambulance. Fire Chief Mooney stated that the town would receive less than \$10,000 for a trade. Further he pointed out that the Town now pays \$2,500 to rent an additional ambulance each year for motorcycle week. Gail Tappy asked about housing the old ambulance. The Moderator asked if there would be enough staff to staff the extra ambulance. Chief Mooney explained that they are on triple shifts on motorcycle week. Pat Labonte asked about user fees for the ambulance. Town Administrator, Dave Caron, explained that the town is now charging the Medicare allowable rates and is reviewing the current charges. There being no further questions, the Moderator read the article and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read the incorrect article. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 11 as read. The voters called for a point of order. It was pointed out that the Moderator had not read article 11. The Moderator then read article 11 as follows:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate \$225,000 to purchase a dump truck and loader for the Public Works Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund-	\$175,000
To be raised by taxation-	\$50,000

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, moved article 11 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan, explained the continuing vehicle replacement schedule. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 12 as follows:
ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, design and engineering fees and construction of a new library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars

(\$50,000) to be placed in this fund. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, moved article 12 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mr. O'Rourke took the opportunity to thank the Budget Committee for their work all year long. He further explained that establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the library would get the town on the road to planning for future expansion. Selectman, Robert Jordan spoke in favor of the article. Library Trustee, Polly Sanfacon discussed some of the problems with the current location and that the Trustees are looking at all possibilities. Betsy Domin asked about the location considerations. John Goodhue suggested putting the Library at the Rowe House and using the current library location for the SAU office. Polly Sanfacon explained that the money would be placed in a capital reserve fund for possible use in the future. Mark Labonte asked if there were any plans to add the Library to the school. Polly Sanfacon explained that they are currently in the planning stages and are open to suggestions. There being no further discussion. The Moderator read the article again. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative. The Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 13 as follows:

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisiosn of RSA 35 for the survey, design, engineering and other consulting work for the subdivision of land and road and utility design within Phase II of the Lakes Business Park and the Laconia Airport Industrial land, to report on the infrastructure costs and estimated total developable building space for each area, and to raise and appropriate \$104,000 to be deposited in that fund. The selectmen are hereby appointed as agents to expend from the fund, and shall not expend any funds until such time as the Town votes to adopt a proposed Intermunicipal Agreement governing economic development activities between the Town of Gilford and the City of Laconia. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 13 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. The Moderator explained that the Budget Committee will report and then the Economic Development Committee will report. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke explained that the Budget Committee was of the opinion that the Town should keep the door open for further discussion between the two communities. He stated that the Budget Committee was divided on how the agreement should be structured, but they are unanimous in their support. Leo Sanfacon introduced the Economic Development Committee and showed slides pertaining to the development. He further explained that if the town was to vote the funds tonight and an agreement was reached, the Selectmen could call a Special Town Meeting for approval without obtaining permission from the Court for

that meeting. Selectman, Robert Jordan explained the formula for arriving at a request of \$104,000. Kevin Hayes questioned how Laconia would obtain tax revenue from land in Gilford. John Vorel explained the importance of bringing water to the Laconia Airport and adjacent land. Russ Dumais spoke in favor of the article and the importance to have water at the airport. Bill McLean spoke in favor of the article and would like to see an agreement reached. David Haley spoke in favor of the article and of an agreement. Bill Phillips stated that he feels Gilford has been overly generous. He stated that we should not be giving Laconia our tax revenue forever. He reminded the Committee that Laconia would be collecting water rents once the water is installed. Dick Campbell spoke in favor and wanted Laconia to know that we have bent over backwards. Dennis Doten stated that the committee should do the negotiating for the best deal possible. Wayne Domin suggested that an economist be involved. Leo Sanfacon requested some input about revenue sharing. Joe Hoffman began to talk about the property never becoming a dump and complained about Town Counsel. The Moderator requested that he stick to the subject of the article. Mr. Caron stated that Counsel for this project is Mitchell Jean and not Walter Mitchell as Mr. Hoffman indicated. Mendon McDonald spoke in favor of getting the deal done. Jack Lyman asked if Laconia would be open to arbitration. Steve Nix suggested that the law needs to be changed regarding the municipal water supply. Alida Millham suggested that the agreement is in the town's best interest. Bill Johnson spoke in favor of getting deal done.

T. Gary Allen spoke in favor. Douglas Sallies suggested that the committee also consider sending water to other sections of Gilford. There being no further discussion. The Moderator read the article. He then called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 14 as follows:

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to grant an easement to Bell Atlantic Corporation for construction of a utility building on town-owned land adjacent to Blaisdell Avenue under such terms and conditions as may be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Robert Jordan moved article 14 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman Rudy Lehr. Selectman Jordan explained that the purpose is for a fiber optic repeater hut. There were no questions. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 15 as follows:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Selectmen the authority to adopt an ordinance governing the use of the Landfill and Recycling Center pursuant to RSA 149-M:17.

Selectman, Robert Walter moved article 15 as read by the Moderator.

It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. Selectman Rudy Lehr explained that in order to adopt a fine schedule there must be town meeting approval. There were no questions. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 16 as follows:

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to convey the fee of Map/Lot #210-11.01, consisting of 0.14 acres located between Rte. 11A and Old Rte. 11A, so-called, to the owner of Map/Lot #210-11, should the town receive ownership of that fee from the State of New Hampshire, under such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Robert Jordan moved article 16 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Rudy Lehr. The piece of land in question was explained via a map on the overhead projector. It was explained by Selectman, Robert Jordan that this is a clean up item. Pat Labonte questioned action of town meeting last year to deed Sawmill Road to Lemay Realty. Town Administrator, Dave Caron, explained that action was contingent upon the developer making a new road, which has not been done. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

At this point, the Moderator explained that he had Deputized Doug Hill to conduct the meeting for the next article. Mr. Millham explained that he is on the Board of Directors for the NH Music Festival and would excuse himself from duty. Assistant Moderator, Doug Hill explained he has had an opportunity to attend many town meetings as a part of his law practice over the years. He complimented Moderator Millham for his fine work in Gilford. He received a round of applause. Doug Hill read article 17 as follows:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote in conformance with RSA 41:11-a, to authorize the Selectmen to lease the Rowe House located on Belknap Mountain Road to the New Hampshire Music Festival for a term of three years, under such terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Rudy Lehr moved article 17 as read by Moderator Hill. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Walter. Moderator Hill explained the RSA which requires town meeting approval for leases over one year. Pat Labonte spoke in favor of the lease. There being no further questions or comments, Moderator Hill called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and he declared the article carried.

Moderator Millham returned to the podium. He read article 18 as follows:

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources. (By petition of Marjorie S. Muehlke and others.)

Marjorie Muehlke moved article 18 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Ms. Muehlke explained that approximately 100 towns have this article on their town meeting warrant this year. She pointed out that this is an opportunity for the State to protect cultural historic land. Doug Hill stated that the town Conservation Commission supports this article. Everett McLaughlin spoke in favor. There being no further discussion, Moderator Millham read the article. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 19 as follows:

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to study whether the electric users within the Town would be best served by aggregating electric service, which may include development of a plan for an aggregation program pursuant to RSA 53-E, for approval at a subsequent Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman, Robert Jordan moved article 19 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Rudy Lehr. Selectman Robert Jordan explained that this was a non-binding referendum on the bulk buy of electricity when it becomes possible. Moderator Millham asked to clarify that this article is to study and not asking permission to enter into an agreement. The Selectmen concurred. There being no questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 20 as follows:

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Planning Board to submit an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance regulating Sexually-Oriented Businesses, for consideration by the voters at the 2001 Town Meeting.

Selectman, Robert Walter moved article 20 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Rudy Lehr seconded the motion. Selectman, Robert Jordan explained that this article is to obtain a sense of the community. A gentleman asked if this could be treated in the ordinance similar as a junkyard. The Moderator explained that there are separate statutes regarding junkyards. Selectman Jordan explained that this issue comes before the Board of Selectmen each month and there currently is no ordinance to address this. There was no further discussion or questions. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved to adjourn. It was seconded. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2000 Financial Reports

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilford, NH in Belknap County
for the Fiscal Year Ended in December 31, 2000

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Robert A. Walter, Chairman

Robert A. Jordan

Lawrence M. Routhier

Board of Selectmen

Gregory Dickinson

Town Treasurer

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS 2000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 356,349
Election, Registration & Vital Stats	157,419
Financial Administration	122,310
Revaluation of Property	65,193
Legal Expense	50,000
Personnel Administration	936,388
Planning & Zoning	183,252
General Government Building	226,638
Cemeteries	3,600
Insurance	187,009

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 982,206
Ambulance	58,611
Fire	677,170
Civil Defense	1
Other Public Safety	41,683

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways and Streets	\$ 659,081
Street Lighting	17,000
Administration	89,901
Vehicle Maintenance	135,136

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 352,715
Sewer Collection and Disposal	434,868

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT

Laconia Water Works	\$ 17,054
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HEALTH

Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 34,173
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WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$ 50,500
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	\$ 139,761
Library	158,961
Patriotic Purposes	6,075

CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,351
Historic District Commission	550
Thompson-Ames Society	10,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Lakes Business Park Engineering Capital Reserve	\$ 104,000
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$ 261,542
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	112,824
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land	\$ 10,000
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	564,922
Buildings	40,537
Improvements other than Buildings	260,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 50,000
To Laconia Airport Authority	1
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<hr/> \$7,584,781

**ESTIMATED REVENUES
2000**

TAXES

Land Use Change Tax	\$	5,000
Yield Tax		5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Tax		150,300

LICENSE, PERMITS & FEES

Business Licenses and Permits	\$	16,300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		975,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		33,000

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	90,000
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FROM STATE

Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$	137,514
Shared Revenues		38,171
Highway Block Grant		150,370
Water Pollution Grants		31,192
State & Federal Forest Land		1,810

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from Departments	\$	383,825
Other - Capital Cost Recovery		140,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Sale of Municipal Property	\$	15,000
Interest on Investments		125,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenues		22,800

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

Sewer Department	\$	434,738
From Capital Reserve		225,000

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Fund Balance	\$	400,000
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TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$	3,380,020
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SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

APRIL 1, 2000

Land

Current Use	\$ 876,583
Conservation Assessments	0
Residential	258,833,030
Commercial/Industrial	15,049,400

\$ 274,759,013

Buildings

Residential	\$ 345,872,300
Manufactured Housing	8,690,100
Commercial/Industrial	52,904,600

\$ 407,467,000

Public Utilities

Gas	\$ 137,900
Electric	5,173,000

\$ 5,310,800

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS: \$ 687,536,813

Blind Exemption	\$ 105,000
Elderly Exemption	3,438,200
Solar/Windpower Exemption	0

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS: \$ 3,543,200

NET TOWN VALUATION: \$ 683,993,613

TAX RATE COMPUTATION **2000**

Town Portion

Appropriations	\$ 7,584,781	
Less: Revenues	(3,380,020)	
Add: Overlay	298,680	
War Service Credits	67,870	
Less: Shared Revenues to Town	<u>(38,631)</u>	
Approved Town Tax Effort	\$ 4,532,680	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$ 6.63

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	\$10,243,412	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(259,085)	
State Education Taxes	<u>(4,244,225)</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort	\$ 5,740,102	
School Tax Rate		\$ 8.39
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X \$6.60		
\$643,064,363	\$ 4,244,225	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
\$678,682,813		\$ 6.25
Excess State Education Taxes to be		
Remitted to State:	0	

County Portion

Due to Belknap County	\$ 1,410,100	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(9,568)</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	\$ 1,400,532	
County Tax Rate		\$ 2.05
COMBINED TAX RATE		\$ 23.32

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
AND CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2000**

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
4130 EXECUTIVE EXPENSES			
Elected Officials	64,389	64,024	365
Administration	269,500	284,663	(15,163)
Boards & Commissions	2,050	1,372	678
Other Town Wide Expenses	20,960	19,640	1,320
4140 ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITAL STATS.			
Town Clerk—Tax Collector	142,869	136,705	6,164
Election & Registration	14,550	13,258	1,292
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Audit	7,900	8,300	(400)
Information Systems	114,410	105,250	9,160
4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			
Appraisal Office	65,193	73,926	(8,733)
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	38,546	11,454
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Retirement	246,462	252,534	(6,072)
Employee Insurances	808,135	654,845	153,290
4191 PLANNING AND ZONING			
Planning & Land Use	175,964	155,181	20,783
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Buildings & Grounds	247,175	205,403	41,772
4195 CARE OF CEMETERIES	3,600	3,521	79
4196 TOWN INSURANCE	68,800	68,422	378
4197 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS			
LR Planning Commission	7,288	7,288	0
4200 PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	982,206	1,012,029	(29,823)
Ambulance Service	58,611	54,584	4,027
Fire Department	674,170	643,963	30,207
Emergency Management	5,401	5,961	(560)
Other Public Safety	37,883	37,883	(0)
4310 HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
DPW Administration	89,901	92,101	(2,200)
Highway Department	656,581	571,531	85,050
Bridges	2,500	0	2,500
Street Lighting	17,000	17,443	(443)
Vehicle Maintenance	135,136	157,301	(22,165)
4320 SANITATION			
Solid Waste	352,715	347,460	5,255
Sewer Department	434,868	468,904	(34,036)
4400 HEALTH AND WELFARE			
Animal Control	3,800	3,800	0
Health & Welfare Services	31,773	31,773	0
General Assistance	50,500	63,492	(12,992)

4520	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
	Parks & Recreation	131,729	116,717	15,012
	Skating Rink	8,032	5,208	2,824
	Library	158,961	162,070	(3,109)
4583	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	6,075	6,063	12
4589	OTHER CULTURE AND REC.	10,000	10,000	0
4610	CONSERVATION			
	Conservation Commission	2,351	397	1,954
4650	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		24,868	(24,868)
4700	DEBT SERVICE			0
	Principal—Long Term Bonds	256,788	256,788	(0)
	Principal—Winni River Basin	4,754	9,050	(4,296)
	Interest—Long Term Bonds	112,824	112,824	0
	Interest—TANs	25,000	0	25,000
4900	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
	Cemetery Land	10,000	0	10,000
	Administration	36,000	28,259	7,741
	Police Equipment	65,000	76,320	(11,320)
	Fire Equipment	197,422	185,956	11,466
	Highway Equipment	261,500	240,285	21,215
	Highway Reconstruction	260,000	270,921	(10,921)
	Sewer Equipment	25,000	2,478	22,522
4915	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
	Fire Equipment	0	0	0
	Highway Equipment	0	0	0
	Library Facilities	50,000	50,000	0
	Lakes Business Park	104,000	104,000	0
4939	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
	Laconia Water Works	17,054	18,483	(1,429)
	Laconia Airport Authority	1	0	1
	APPROPRIATION TOTALS:	7,584,781	7,281,790	302,991
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
	Gilford School District		9,984,327	
	Belknap County Taxes		1,410,100	
	Taxes Bought by Town			
	Gunstock Village Water Dist.		50,039	
	TOTAL:		11,444,466	
CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS				
2000				
	Tennis Courts	3,452	3,452	0
	Property Mapping	3,343	3,343	0
	TOTAL:	6,795	6,795	0
2001				
	Master Plan Update		15,000	
	Fire Equipment		980	
	TOTAL:		15,980	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2000

	Estimated	Actual	Difference
3100 TAXES			
Property Tax	15,899,708	15,965,308	65,600
Land Use Change Tax	5,000	32,524	27,524
Yield Tax	5,000	10,205	5,205
Excavation Tax	0	50	50
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	8,000	12,809	4,809
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	150,300	135,089	(15,211)
3200 LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Business Licenses	39,500	42,945	3,445
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,050,500	1,297,895	247,395
Building Permits	17,300	25,032	7,732
Other Licenses and Permits	7,250	5,805	(1,446)
3310 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
COPS MORE Grant	90,000	71,093	(18,907)
3320 FROM STATE OF NH			
State Revenue Sharing	38,171	38,171	0
Room & Meals Distribution	137,514	137,514	0
Highway Block Grant	150,370	150,370	0
Water Pollution Grant	31,192	31,192	0
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,810	1,810	0
Other State Grant Funds	0	0	0
3401 INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS			
Selectmen's Office	3,000	4,701	1,701
Town Clerk's Office	2,125	9,979	7,854
Police Department	27,000	102,853	75,853
Fire Department	3,700	5,449	1,749
Ambulance Service	75,000	93,899	18,899
Parks & Recreation	14,500	21,431	6,931
Skating Rink	2,000	924	(1,076)
Planning & Land Use	5,150	7,808	2,658
Public Works	300	834	534
Solid Waste	85,800	110,933	25,133
Sewer Department	434,738	282,185	(152,553)
3500 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Special Assessments	14,800	11,999	(2,801)
Sale of Town Property	15,000	32,500	17,500
Interest on Investments	125,000	221,205	96,205
Fines & Forfeits	7,500	10,514	3,014
Insurance Dividends	65,000	18,498	(46,502)
Reimbursements	0	6,324	6,324
3900 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Sewer Assessment Fund	140,000	140,000	0
From Capital Reserve	225,000	225,000	0
From Rowe House Fund	2,500	2,500	0
TOTAL REVENUE:	18,879,728	19,267,348	387,620

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 2000**

CREDITS	Levy of 2000	Levy of 1999	Prior years
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Tax	\$ 14,846,110.90	\$ 1,034,725.66	
Current Land Use Tax		\$ 17,724.00	
Yield Tax	\$ 9,715.46	\$ 176.54	
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 118,048.59	\$ 12,164.43	
Sewer Use	\$ 161,420.26	\$ 247,206.46	
Jeopardy Assessment	\$ 680.00		
Capital Cost	\$ 107,883.57		
Excavation Tax	\$ 49.84		
Cherry Valley Betterment		\$ 8,548.20	
Lockes Hill Betterment		\$ 3,451.00	
ABATEMENTS			
Property Tax	\$ 52,692.04	\$ 26,180.46	
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 60.00	\$ 176.44	
	\$ 14,178.36	\$ 5,766.74	
Current Land Use Tax	\$14,800.00		
Capital Cost	\$ 1,021.45		
INTEREST & COSTS	\$ 13,718.09		
COLLECTED		\$ 61,482.56	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
AS OF 12/31/00			
Property Tax	\$ 1,052,241.06	\$ 2,309.00	
Gunstock Acres	\$ 15,998.41	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 295.00
Sewer	\$ 12,197.89	\$ 140.96	\$ 4,346.01
Capital Cost	\$ 15,120.35		\$ 146.49
Yield	\$ 489.63		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 16,421,626.10	\$ 1,436,447.45	\$ 4,787.50

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DEBITS	Levy of 2000	Levy of 1999	Prior years
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Tax		\$ 1,060,370.83	
Sewer Use		\$ 28,015.85	\$ 4,346.01
Gunstock Acres Water		\$ 13,869.87	\$ 295.00
Yield Tax		\$ 176.54	
Capital Cost Recovery			\$ 146.49
Uncollected Tax Adjustment		\$ (37.00)	
TAXES COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$ 15,950,542.01	\$ 2,163.00	
Current Land Use Tax		\$ 32,524.00	
Yield Tax	\$ 10,205.29		
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 134,107.00		
Sewer Use	\$ 187,796.51	\$ 225,098.31	
Jeopardy Assessment	\$ 680.00		
Capital Cost	\$ 124,025.37		
Excavation Tax	\$ 49.84		
Cherry Valley Condo Betterment		\$ 8,548.20	
Lockes Hill Betterment		\$ 3,451.00	
OVERPAYMENTS			
Property Tax	\$ 501.99	\$ 718.29	
Gunstock Acres Water		\$ 66.00	
INTEREST & COST	\$ 13,718.09		
Collected		\$ 61,482.56	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 16,421,626.10	\$ 1,436,447.45	\$ 4,787.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Year Ended December 31, 2000

DR	<u>1999</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>
Unredeemed Tax Liens 12-31-00		\$450,346.60
Liens Executed	\$377,830.97	
Interests and Costs Collected	10,786.10	55,016.56
TOTAL DEBITS	\$388,617.07	\$505,363.16
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Remitted to Treasurer	\$101,154.90	\$216,595.26
Abatements	10,794.92	6,242.31
Interest and Costs Collected	10,786.10	55,016.56
Deeded	4,276.91	14,739.57
Unredeemed liens 12-31-00	261,604.24	212,769.46
TOTAL CREDITS	\$388,617.07	\$505,363.16

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

General Revenues Remitted:

9519	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$1,190,125.00
1125	Dog Licenses Issued	7,373.00
2039	Boat Permit Fees & Reports Collected	84,044.32
688	Copies of Records	509.00
34	Bad Check Penalties Collected	900.00
352	Miscellaneous Fees Collected	7,592.35
142	Town Pins	433.00
44	Pistol Permits Issued	440.00
244	Fines Collected	10,513.50
660	Commercial Beach Admissions	1,260.00
6	Voter Checklists Sold	90.00
12	Postage Reimbursements	454.57

Town Clerk Fees Remitted:

1737	Motor Vehicle Titles	\$3,429.00
374	Financing and Termination Filings Processed	6,208.00
55	Marriage Licenses Issued	2,515.00
213	Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates Issued	1,994.00
8466	Municipal Agent Fees Collected	21,178.00
57	Wetlands Applications Filed	1,006.00

TOTAL REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER	\$1,340,064.74
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Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2000

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2000	\$5,148,819.68
Total Receipts	\$9,456,108.09
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$8,603,747.54
Cash on Hand 12/31/2000	<u>\$6,001,180.23</u>

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2000	\$77,838.32
Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$3,820.03
Cash on Hand 12/31/2000	<u>\$81,658.35</u>

SEWER CAPITAL COST FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2000	\$185,691.03
Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$10,322.97
Cash on Hand 12/31/2000	<u>\$196,014.00</u>

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

Year Created	Trust Names	Invested	New Trusts	Principal	Bal. Income End 1999	Income 2000	Care of Cemetery	Capital Improvements	Bal. Income End 2000	Bal. Inc. & Trusts End 2000
Various		Laconia Savings		\$119,139.24	\$80,940.25	\$11,119.45	\$10,084.93	5,694.25	\$76,280.53	\$195,419.77
2000	James & Karen Bianco		400.00	400.00	0.00	3.77	0.00	0	3.77	403.77
2000	Mary L. Carter		400.00	400.00	0.00	4.69	0.00	0	4.69	404.69
2000	John & Louise Flynt, Sr.		400.00	400.00	0.00	4.05	0.00	0	4.05	404.05
2000	Frank & Barbara Gallagher		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	19.23	0.00	0	19.23	1,219.23
2000	Forest & Linda Livingston		400.00	400.00	0.00	4.69	0.00	0	4.69	404.69
2000	Donald & Paula Spink		200.00	200.00	0.00	2.34	0.00	0	2.34	202.34
1956	A. Rena G. Vincent (Additional)		100.00	200.00	78.16	15.07	15.07	5.75	72.41	272.41
	Total Cemetery Trusts		\$3,100.00	\$122,339.24	\$81,018.42	\$11,173.29	\$10,100.00	\$5,700.00	\$76,391.71	\$198,730.95
Misc. Town Trusts										
1926	A. V. Lincoln—Lincoln Park	Laconia Savings	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,424.92	\$140.32	\$0.00		\$1,565.24	\$2,815.24
1968	Julia Ladd—Worthy Poor		0.00	2,215.68	1,493.60	195.06	0.00	1,688.66	3,904.34	
1969	Theodate & Elliot Remnick—Library		0.00	5,185.00	403.13	293.64	179.99	516.98	5,701.98	
1986	Samuel & Winnifred Smith—Library		263.00	5,293.00	343.70	302.62	192.00		454.32	5,747.32
	Total Miscellaneous Trusts		\$263.00	\$13,943.68	\$3,665.35	\$931.84	\$371.99		\$4,225.20	\$18,168.88
Capital Reserve Trusts:								Balance		
1989	Fire Equipment		\$0.00	\$218,868.44	\$10,805.85	\$50,000.00		\$179,674.29		
1990	Highway Equipment	Laconia Savings	0.00	398,979.27	17,903.30	175,000.00		241,882.57		
1994	School Air Conditioning		0.00	56,464.29	2,947.12	0.00		59,411.41		
1999	School Septic System		0.00	30,330.03	1,588.69	0.00		31,918.72		
1997	Tennis Courts		0.00	76,836.42	812.10	71,000.00		6,648.52		
2000	Gilford Library		50,000.00	50,000.00	66.63	0.00		50,066.63		

Year Created	Trust Names	Invested	New Trusts	Principal	Interest	Withdrawal	Bal. Income End 2000
2000	Business Park		104,000.00	104,000.00	138.59	0.00	104,138.59
1991	Kimball Castle	Village Bank	0.00	169,307.89	7,112.97	4,280.00	172,140.86
1996	Daniel B. Rogers	Village Bank	0.00	17,262.36	782.51	1,151.00	16,893.87
	Total Capital Reserve Trusts		\$154,000.00	\$1,122,048.70	\$42,457.76	\$301,431.00	\$862,775.46

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

George Sawyer
Carolyn Smith
Greg Dickinson

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Gilford has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Gilford, as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford taken as a whole. The combined and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all

material respects in relation, to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

May 1, 2000
PŁODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Gilford for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town of Gilford's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

The following conditions were noted that we do not consider to be material weaknesses:

Tax Collector's Records

During our examination of the Tax Collector's records for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, we encountered many differences between the Tax Collector's Financial Report (Form MS-61) and the Finance Department records. Some of these differences could be associated with the conversion of the tax software from BDS to BMSI. However, there were also differences in the reported remittances and uncollected tax lists at year end. The 1999 property tax levy was out of balance by \$5,218 and was never reconciled. Attempting to reconcile these amounts resulted in additional audit time.

In addition, the 1996 and 1995 tax liens were not deeded to the Town in accordance with the RSA's (laws of the State of New Hampshire). Eighty percent of the redemption notices to the Register of Deeds were late and therefore, also not in accordance with the RSA's.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of reconciling the Tax Collector's Financial Report (MS-61) with the Finance Department's records on a monthly basis, and following all of the RSA's regarding the Tax Collector's duties.

Capital Cost Recovery Fund

During our examination of the Capital Cost Recovery Fund, we noted that no current warrants were issued in 1999 due to problems with the conversion of the new computer system.

During the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Other weaknesses or considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

May 1, 2000
PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2000

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u> <u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General</u> <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>General</u>				
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$4,620,834	\$1,237	\$1,192,413	\$	\$5,870,222
Investments	832,573				1,123,967
Receivables (Net of <u>Allowance For Uncollectible)</u>					
Taxes	1,460,895				1,460,895
Accounts	18,577				276,236
Special Assessments	257,659				830,581
Intergovernmental	830,581				214,338
Interfund Receivable	3,000				4,179,214
Prepaid Items	295,573		3,690,466		52,285
<u>Other Debits</u>					
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				1,667,234	1,667,234
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$7,389,677</u>	<u>\$1,237</u>	<u>\$4,882,879</u>	<u>\$1,667,234</u>	<u>\$15,674,972</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>General</u>	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u> Special Revenue	Capital Projects	<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u> Trust and Agency	<u>Account Group</u> General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$73,231	\$	\$	\$6,800	\$	\$80,031
Intergovernmental Payable	50,796			3,777,260		3,828,056
Interfund Payable	3,986,039	120,938	1,237	71,000		4,179,214
Deferred Revenue	12,924	831,270				844,194
General Obligation Debt Payable					1,422,189	1,422,189
Compensated Absences Payable					245,045	245,045
Total Liabilities	4,122,990	952,208	1,237	3,855,060	1,667,234	10,598,729
<u>Equity</u>						
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments				132,920		132,920
Reserved For Encumbrances	6,795					6,795
Reserved For Special Purposes				894,899		894,899
<u>Unreserved</u>						
Designated For						
Special Purposes		794,661				794,661
Undesignated (Deficit)	3,259,892	(12,924)				3,246,968
Total Equity	3,266,687	781,737		1,027,819		5,076,243
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$7,389,677	\$1,733,945	\$1,237	\$4,882,879	\$1,667,234	\$15,674,972

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ROWE HOUSE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2000**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account

26,574.83

Savings Account

24,607.29

Total Checking/Savings

52,182.12

Total Current Assets

52,182.12

TOTAL ASSETS

52,182.12

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due to Gen. Fund (Maintenance)

8,108.35

Due to Gen Fund (Restoration)

50,931.09

Total Other Current Liabilities

59,039.44

Total Current Liabilities

59,039.44

Total Liabilities

59,039.44

Equity

Fund Balance

-27,422.95

Maintenance Fund

16,999.02

Net Income

3,566.60

Total Equity

-6,857.32

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

52,182.12

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 2000

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

	Sewer Construction 1983-2003 Original Bond \$3,550,000.00	Municipal Building 1987-2007 Original Bond \$1,523,591.00	Cherry Valley Sewer Extension 1999-2017 Original Bond \$128,978.24
2001	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2002	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2003	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2004		75,000.00	6,788.33
2005		75,000.00	6,788.33
2006		75,000.00	6,788.33
2007		75,000.00	6,788.33
2008			6,788.33
2009			6,788.33
2010			6,788.33
2011			6,788.33
2012			6,788.33
2013			6,788.33
2014			6,788.33
2015			6,788.33
2016			6,788.33
2017			6,788.30
	\$ 525,000.00	\$525,000.00	\$115,401.58

NOTE: Municipal Building and Sewer debt issued through New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank; Cherry Valley Sewer Extension debt issued through State of New Hampshire Revolving Loan Fund.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2000

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Gilford Library, 2 Belknap Mountain Road Land & Building (226-055)	\$ 271,000
Municipal Office Complex, 47 Cherry Valley Road Land & Buildings (226-054)	2,609,200
Glendale Parking Lot Land & Building (242-197)	95,400
Kimball Road Land & Building (215-025)	259,100
Glendale Town Docks Land & Buildings (242-183) Comfort Station	167,200
Durrell Mountain Road Land (234-001)	463,300
Durrell Mountain Road Land (232-002)	329,900
School District Schools, Land & Buildings (227-132)	5,167,500
Land, Alvah Wilson & Belknap Mountain Road (227-013)	117,000

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Lincoln Park Land (242-212)	70,500
Stonewall Park Land (203-269)	23,200
Gilford Beach, 40 Varney Point Road Land & Building (223-417)	2,188,400

GREEN SPACE

Varney Point Road Land (223-500)	7,200
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Schoolhouse Hill Road	
Land (226-030.100)	100
Saltmarsh Pond Road	
Land (210-033)	12,400
End of Orchard Drive	
Land (240-007)	1,100
Elderberry Drive	
Land (203-152)	200
Sherwood Forest Drive	
Land (229-031)	2,000
2679 Lakeshore Road	
Land (267-259)	500
David Lewis Road	
Land (212-008)	26,300
CONSERVATION LAND	
Lake Shore Road	
Land (252-050)	42,200
Robert Tilton Land (Round Pond)	
Land (258-002)	184,800
Saltmarsh Pond Road	
Land (228-010)	12,000
Goodwin Road	
Land (227-116)	24,300
Clough Road	
Land (272-005)	20,800
186 Intervale Road	
Land (224-033)	2,200
39 Harris Shore Road	
Land (223-413-003)	28,000
31 Harris Shore Road	
Land (223-413.002)	55,800

174 Potter Hill Road	
Land (226-048)	59,800
109 Cherry Valley Road	
Land (226-048-001)	41,400
Kimball Wildlife Forest	
Land (242-369)	700
Land (242-371.100)	425,300
560 Belknap Mountain Road	
Land (236-020)	38,500
Land (237-002)	150,300

OTHER TOWN-OWNED LANDS

Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-125)	51,200
Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-126)	132,200
Gilford Avenue	
Land (204-003)	948,000

TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

Gunstock Acres Lots	
Land	
62 River Road (253-328)	5,000
86 Sagamore Road (252-162)	9,600
Mountain View Housing Cooperative	
Unit #14 (213-013.014)	16,400
Unit #16 (213-013.016)	12,700
Unit #20 (213-013.020)	7,400
Unit #40E (213-013.340)	5,900
Pine Grove Mobile Home Park	
Mobile Home (224-046.015)	8,600
22 Sleeper Hill Road	
Land & Building (203-142)	97,800
72 Old Lakeshore Road	
Land & Building (213-038)	93,900

164 Mountain Drive	
Land & Building (253-196)	106,700
9 Lily Pond Mobile Home Park	
Mobile Home (213-088.009)	5,900
34 Olde English Lane	
Land (211-008.050)	43,100
89 Watson Road	
Land & Building (213-056)	113,100
71 Briarcliff Road	
Land & Building (253-109)	88,000
410 Liberty Hill Road	
Land (230-002)	313,100
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 14,956,200

MARRIAGES REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD

For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
February 7, 2000	Philip Patrick Duquette Carla Anne Smith	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
February 12, 2000	Sean William Sewell Lisa Marie Vallee	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
February 14, 2000	Robert J. Valente Josephine Carpino	Hyde Park, MA Hyde Park, MA
February 19, 2000	Ronald Everett Barton Donna Lynn Terrill	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
March 25, 2000	Alan Russell Dame Jr. Edith Anne Bridges	Laconia, NH Gilford, NH
April 1, 2000	Randall Scott Tillson Wendy L. Tillson	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 11, 2000	David Alan Bechtol Catherine Margaret Allen	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 16, 2000	Bruce Parker Gokey Laura M. Langley	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 6, 2000	Richard Louis Shetler III Kristi Dawn Maguire	Gilford, NH Arlington, MA
May 20, 2000	Leo H. Wilson Arlene Marie Paine	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 27, 2000	James Michael Sanford Audra Lee Sansouci	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 27, 2000	Christopher Sherkanowski Heidi Anne Woodaman	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 10, 2000	John Christopher Linton Gwen Marie Weeks	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 16, 2000	Howard Kevin Uthe Kelly Dawn Newlen	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 17, 2000	James Michael Dumont Sharon Marie Hudson	Port St. John, FL Port St. John, FL
June 19, 2000	Gerard Robert Hassler Karen Reichardt	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 24, 2000	Bruce Edward Dietrich Donna Louise O'Brien	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 24, 2000	James Michael Hurst Maranda Leigh Whitten	Laconia, NH Gilford, NH

July 8, 2000	Gregory John Stefan Dawn-Marie Hauser	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 8, 2000	Norman H. Lacasse Gloria Jean Segalini	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 16, 2000	Kenneth James Crosby Janelle Marie Amrol	Ware, NH Concord, NH
July 21, 2000	David L. Page Susan T. Pilbin	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 22, 2000	Robert Andrew York, Sr. Simone Marie Maglio	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 29, 2000	Corey Blue Boucher Denise Andra Jacques	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 29, 2000	Richard Ernest Muthersbaugh, Jr. Karen Elizabeth Livingston	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 5, 2000	Dennis Roland Comeau Tricia Suzanne Hooper	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 5, 2000	George Abbott Snow III Joanna Belair Nichols	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 5, 2000	Troy Jarvis Chauvin Leah Elizabeth Introini	Shrewsbury, MA Gilford, NH
August 5, 2000	Brendon Michael Waldron Skye Elizabeth Carder	Laconia, NH Laconia, NH
August 10, 2000	John Handy Watkins Sydney Jean Beck	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 11, 2000	Jaime Sky Boucher Shelli Dawn Hamilton	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 12, 2000	Edward James Costa Kerry Lyne Drew	Billerica, MA Billerica, MA
August 20, 2000	Theimann Herbert Ackerson Suzanne Marie McMurphy	Gilford, NH Durham, NH
August 26, 2000	Craig David Howland Kelly Anne Freeman	Reston, VA Reston, VA
August 26, 2000	Michael Vernon Smith Deborah Cornwall Fox	Gilford, NH Geneva, NY
August 26, 2000	Alan Keith Lydiard Patricia Ellen Davis	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 9, 2000	James Russell Peirce Kendra Hope Guay	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 23, 2000	Michael Gordon Eastman Serene Melody Gigas	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH

September 23, 2000	Jeff Stephen Bilodeau Cindi Marie Rumery	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 28, 2000	Joseph John Doucette Melissa Sue Murphy	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 29, 2000	Jay Joseph Dunne Kimberly Elizabeth Burbank	Northfield, NH Gilford, NH
September 30, 2000	Jamie Terrence Pichette Kristine Marie Labossiere	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 30, 2000	James Michael Sanborn Sandra Gail Nedeau	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 9, 2000	Richard George Furbish, Jr. Tricia Ann Edgar	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 14, 2000	Edward Francis Fallon III Stacey Ann Kulpa	Gilford, NH Methuen, MA
October 21, 2000	Robert Albert Robillard Kathleen Joy Thurber	Holden, MA Holden, MA
October 28, 2000	Norman J. Menard Lynne M. Smith	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 28, 2000	Kieran Thomas Corcoran Stacie Ayn Murphy	Framingham, MA Framingham, MA
November 4, 2000	Robert James Mccaffery Jean M. Richardson	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
November 4, 2000	Peter Stephen Shanelaris Sarah Judith Cicely Mocatta	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
November 18, 2000	William Henry Rosalino III Elizabeth Mary Ellis	Lake Carmel, NY Rochdale, MA
November 26, 2000	Robert Rolland Lemire Sandra Weeks Lemire	Gilford, NH Cape Coral, FL
December 17, 2000	Mathew Edwin Roys Opal Rebecca Carder	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH

**BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Date	Child's Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Sept. 4, 2000	Shane Eric Sharps	Donald H. Pangborn	Elly J. Sharps	

**DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name
Feb. 12, 2000	Kathryn N. Wiecking	Herman R. Wiecking E. Marian
Feb. 29, 2000	Ralph Ernest Bauman	Charles Bauman Josephine Tognazzi
April 7, 2000	Ada Muriel McAllister	Charles Flanders Carrie Belle Wilson
May 7, 2000	Joseph Louis Stevens	Charles Stevens Mary Costa
May 19, 2000	John J. Moran	John A. Moran Grace Hall
June 9, 2000	Gordon P. Hall	Edward P. Hall Margurite Nelson
Sept. 26, 2000	Charles Bernard Johnson	Arthur G. Johnson Eva C. Jenkins
Nov. 17, 2000	Gary G. Hartling	Gordon Hartling Nancy Peterson

Annual Report
of the
School District
of the town of
GILFORD
New Hampshire

for the year ending

June 30, 2000

**OFFICERS OF THE
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Moderator

Christine Tebbetts

Clerk

Sue Irving

Treasurer

Paul Simoneau

Auditors

Plodzik, & Sanderson

SCHOOL BOARD

Kent Baron, Chairperson	Term Expires 2003
Kevin Hayes, Vice Chairperson	Term Expires 2001
William J. McLean III, Clerk	Term Expires 2003
Susan D. Allen	Term Expires 2002
Douglas Scott	Term Expires 2001

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Steve Russell

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Scott Isabelle

Regular meetings of the School Board
First and Third Monday of Each Month
6:00 P.M. - Gilford Elementary School

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2000 AT 10:00 A.M.**

The Annual Gilford School District Meeting was held on Saturday, March 18, 2000 at the Gilford Middle High School. School District Moderator Sue Rock opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. She then introduced School Board Chairperson, Sue Allen, School Board members; William McLean, Dr. Douglas Scott, Kent Baron, J. Kevin Hayes, School District Attorney, Bradley Kidder, School District Clerk, Susan Sachetta Irving, and Budget Committee Chairperson Kinney O'Rourke. Gilford School Board Chairperson Sue Allen addressed the meeting. She spoke on behalf of the board in providing public recognition to the Village Bank & Trust, its officers and its President Greg Dickinson for the significant and ongoing level of support that they have continued to provide Gilford's students and schools. Many example were cited, ranging from their scholarship support to their sponsoring of the annual Gilford Elementary School Panda Bowl. Bank President Greg Dickinson received the award on behalf of the bank. Chairman Allen called on the Gilford Middle-High School Assistant Principal Sandra McLaughlin to come forward. She recognized Mrs. McLaughlin for being named as the New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year. Mrs. McLaughlin received a plaque and public applause from the body in recognition of her accomplishments and contributions to the district and its students. Mrs. Allen also thanked the many citizen and parent volunteers for their continued support of the district's initiatives and for their support of student activities.

The Moderator reviewed the procedure of the meeting and then read Article I:

To see if the Gilford School District will set the salaries of District Officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	20.00
District Clerk:	20.00
Chairperson of School Board:	1500.00
School Board Members (4 each)	1000.00
District Treasurer	1600.00

Kevin Hayes moved the motion and it was seconded by Kent Baron. This article was recommended by the School Board and the Budget Committee and passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article II:

To see if the District will approve the reports of the Agents,

Auditors, and committees as printed in the 1999 Town Report. The Article was moved by William McLean and seconded by Dr. Scott and passed by voice vote

The Moderator read Article III:

To see if the School District will vote to accept the provisions of RSA198: 20-B providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely (or until specific rescission of such authority), the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. After minimal voter discussion, the moderator re-read the motion. One hundred sixty four ballots were cast and the article passed with 155 yes and 14 no.

Article IV was read by the Moderator:

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Gilman School Board to provide Superintendent's Office services to begin effective July 1, 2001. This article, recommended by the Board, was moved by Kent Baron and seconded by Sue Allen. Hammond Brown, a Gilman School Board member, stated Gilman has a long history with Gilford and that last year a vote to affiliate with Barnstead and Pittsfield was rejected by the voters in favor of a relationship with Gilford. Presently, superintendent services are contracted with Laconia for this current year, but he affirmed their best interest is with Gilford. Sue Allen informed the voters that this article is also on the Gilman School Board Agenda and if passed by both communities this contract would go into effect July 2001. The motion was re-read Article IV and carried with an affirmative voice vote.

Sue Rock read Article V:

To see if the School District will vote to amend the Gilford-Gilman AREA Agreement, dated March 15, 1999, to allow for the Gilman School Board to have one (1) voting representative on matters affecting the Gilford High School on the Gilford School Board, by deleting the last ten (10) lines of the GOVERNANCE section, and substituting in its place: *"The Gilman School Board shall appoint one of its elected members as an additional member to the existing Gilford School Board, who may vote on matters affecting*

Gilford High School.” The motion was moved by Sue Allen and seconded by Kent Baron. Sue Allen addressed the article stating this is an amendment to the existing AREA agreement. She explained that the current AREA agreement approved at the last Gilford School Board District meeting had language in it allowing, if legislation went forward, a mechanism for Gilmanton to have a voice on high school issues. The structure of the Gilford School Board is four voting members and a chair who facilitates the meetings and only votes when there is a tie. A Gilmanton member would be an elected School Board member who would sit on the Board and vote only on high school issues. Sue further stated this article is supported by the Gilmanton and Gilford School Boards. Some opposed the motion because of the wording of the article not being specific enough and also because of concerns with “diluting the sovereignty of the citizens of Gilford.” Attorney Brad Kidder volunteered to address the sovereignty issue. He stated there are two ways of forming an agreement among schools; an AREA agreement which states you guarantee students will be sent and that students will be accepted, or a Cooperative agreement such as Governor Wentworth district, whereas towns agree to a portion of representation on the school board. Attorney Kidder stated that the Gilford/Gilmanton schools district proposal, allowable by law, have compromised to create a hybrid among the two systems, “sort of an advanced AREA” that would not invade Gilford sovereignty. After lengthy discussion the motion was re-read again and passed by a 173 yes and 11 no.

Article VI was read by the Moderator:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$147,000) in support of the District’s approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) expenses. Specifically:

GMHS Fire Doors (4 pr.)	\$12,000
Girls Locker Replacement	\$25,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrade	\$110,000

(Special Warrant Article)

This Article supported by the School Board and Budget Committee was moved by Kevin Hayes and seconded by Sue Allen. The Article passed by a confirming voice vote.

The Moderator read Article VII:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) to support Phase I of the design/engineering costs to address the district's K-12 facility needs. Article VII was moved by Kevin Hayes and seconded by Dr. Scott. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. A video presentation was shown to demonstrate the current space needs. There were multiple comments from the voters. Kevin Hayes stated this sum of money will buy the soil and ground studies and preliminary design and engineering to aid in developing a structural concept. Presently that sum of money is based on square footage without really having one concept. Dr. Russell affirmed the extreme space concerns stating there are 134,000 square feet in the middle high school and even if the middle high school students were taken out of that space, there still would not be enough room for the high school students alone. Details contained in the committee report were shared. An amendment was made to reduce the sum to 300,000 dollars and the voters rejected this amendment by voice vote. The motion was re-read by the Moderator and Article VII passed with 160 yes and 9 no.

The Moderator read Article VIII:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the School District Septic Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of repairing and/or replacing the District septic system. Furthermore, to name the School Board as agents to expend from this fund in accordance with RSA 198:20-C should emergency circumstances warrant. This Article was moved by William McLean and seconded by Sue Allen. The article passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article IX:

To see if the School District will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-C to be known as the Special Education Emergency Fund, for the purpose of meeting significant and unanticipated Special Education student costs. Furthermore, to name the Gilford School Board as agents to expend from this fund, and to appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30.

Sue Allen moved the motion and it was seconded by Kent Baron. Sue Allen stated this was an attempt to address the rising cost of Special Education and to meet unanticipated student costs such as when the courts mandate it and students are placed out of the district. The

Budget Committee supported this article in order to prevent an adverse impact on school costs. The article was voted on and passed.

Sue Rock read Article X:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the School District Air Conditioner Replacement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This motion was moved by Kevin Hayes and seconded by Dr. Scott. Kevin Hayes explained this is an effort to address rising costs from further repairs. The School and Budget Committee members recommended this article which was passed by a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article XI:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate Twelve Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven dollars (\$12,183,467.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. (This Article does not include appropriations voted in the other Warrant Articles.) Sue Allen made a motion to amend the amount to \$12,179,967. The decrease was due to the costs associated with the defeated Senate Bill 2, which reduced the budget, by \$ 3500. Kent Baron seconded the motion and the article passed with 158 yes, and 2 no.

Sue Rock read Article XII:

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. None being brought forward, Kent Baron moved to have the meeting adjourned. Kevin Hayes seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Sachetta Irving
School District Clerk

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Dear Citizens,

I would like to start by thanking all the members of the Carye family for their most generous gift of land, known as the Meadows. This property will benefit our children and community for many years to come. They not only gave us the property, they have continued to remain involved and are assisting us in many ways. This shows that this is truly a gift from the heart.

I need to thank my fellow board members, administrators, teachers, staff members and all the volunteers of Gilford and Gilmanton for the endless hours of commitment towards our common educational goals. This is another reason we are so fortunate to live in this community.

With the adoption of our Strategic Plan many of the issues cited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. are already being addressed. Each recommendation continues to be analyzed and the appropriate actions taken to correct them. The commission will review the schools accreditation status when it considers the two-year progress report in October, 2001. This past year we have had many Action Planning Committees working to continue to support our developed Strategic Plan initiatives.

Goal one: The Gilford School District will develop, implement, assess, and articulate a K-12 curriculum to meet the need of all our students.

Committee members have continued their work to develop drafts of curriculum with components for parent and teacher use. They have developed a tentative proposal for a district-wide (Gilford & Gilmanton) three year review cycle, including recommendations on a textbook adoption sequence.

These reports have been distributed to the administrators of Gilford and plans are being made to coordinate with Gilmanton the K-8 efforts. Once reviews are complete, final proposals will be brought forward for Board endorsement.

Goal two: The School District will maintain quality staff and provide opportunities for continued professional development that encourages sound instructional practices.

This committee's most challenging initiative has been to update the district-wide master Professional

Development Plan in accordance with the new state guidelines, because of their ambiguous nature. This master plan has been distributed for review. Once complete it will be distributed to the Gilford School Board and the State Department of Education for approval.

Goal three: The Gilford School District will provide school facilities which will be well-maintained, safe, appropriate, and functional, resulting in a quality educational environment for all students.

A great deal of time and effort has been put into addressing this goal. During the past year (starting almost three years ago) a Facilities Needs and most recently, the Facility Planning Committee has been meeting regularly to review the districts K-12 facility needs and the best means to meet these needs. Throughout the summer and fall numerous committee and subcommittees have been held involving over 60 members. Three public information/discussion meetings have taken place. This has all been supplemented by fact sheet mailings, numerous articles in the local newspapers, and printed handout materials.

Goal four: The Gilford School District will promote open communications between and among personnel, students, parents and community.

During the past year, this committee developed and conducted surveys of citizens, parents, and teachers. This information has been analyzed and a report developed to be submitted to the Gilford School Board. Some initiatives that were related to this goal was to establish a school district web page (www.sau.gilford.k12.nh.us), increased community-wide mailings and the use of public access television.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be reconvening this spring to review these results and to determine our next steps.

Work on all of these committees require hours of information gathering, organizing, and support, which most likely would not have been possible without the formation of our own SAU #73. Under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Russell our district has been able to capitalize on many of these positive initiatives. With the SAU located in the lower portion of the Town Hall it has strengthened the School District's relationship with the Gilford Selectmen, Police and other town

departments. It has allowed us to provide shared services and positions (i.e. school resource officer, low oil bid rates and a shared computer technician). The School Board and the Selectmen continue to hold quarterly meetings to discuss common issues and goals that are in the best interest of the citizens of Gilford.

Last March, the voters from both our communities agreed to allow Gilmanton a legal vote on the Gilford School Board. Gilmanton's commitment has been very visible through their representation at our regular board meetings and on the numerous committees. Through the new Area Agreement and voting representation, relations between our two communities have been strengthened. The Gilford School Board remains committed to maintain the positive relationship that has been developed between both districts during the past year.

The Gilford school administration deserves credit for their combined efforts of leadership. After much advertising and interviewing we have some of the finest administrators available: Principal Tom Sica, Assistant Principal Mary Moriarty, Director of Student Services Esther Kennedy, and GMHS Director of Guidance Mary Maloney, among others. They have stepped-up and taken on the challenges of our district in the first year in their positions.

I would like to ask that you get informed and take the time to become involved with our students' education. The accomplishments of all our students are the result of the support from the community, as well as our teachers, staff members and administration. I would like to encourage everyone to visit our schools and see the results of our efforts first-hand.

Respectfully Submitted

Kent Baron
Gilford School Board Chairperson

GILFORD MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

2000 Principal's Annual Report

The 2000-2001 school year began for faculty and staff on August 30, 2000, with a full day of teacher workshops. On September 5, the second workshop day, teachers took part in the orientation program offered to students new to grades six and nine. For the last several years, sixth and ninth graders have had the opportunity to attend a shortened class schedule designed to introduce them to their teachers and the administrators, familiarize them with the school, the co-curricular offerings and some of the educational experiences awaiting them, such as the Reading Across Disciplines (RAD) program. Senior class volunteers were on hand to serve as mentors to the ninth graders. We opened the 2000-2001 academic year on September 6 as we welcomed 863 students to Gilford Middle-High School.

GMHS' goals continue to challenge us to increase communication, improve curriculum and assessment of students and to improve the physical facility to maximize the learning experience. As you know, the Facility and Space Needs Committee has been hard at work over the past year to develop a Facility Needs Proposal designed to provide Gilford/Gilmanton students with adequate learning space and equipment. After community input and many meetings and revisions, the Facility and Space Needs Committee has proposed the building of a new high school in the meadows and the renovation of the present building to accommodate the grade 5 – 8 student population. The community vote on this proposal will take place on March 17, 2001, at the Annual School District meeting.

Areas of communication have been expanded this year as voice mail and e-mail capabilities were installed for the GMHS staff. Gilford School District parents can access information regarding cancellations and delays through the Internet by logging into **Cancellations.com**. Up-to-date information regarding community, schools and students is available through the Gilford School District web site, www.sau.gilford.k12.nh.us We continue to mail the parent newsletter, *AERIE*, to every school family each month. Round Table Discussions continued, computer classes were offered to Gilford/Gilmanton community members, free of charge, every Tuesday evening throughout the school year. MS/HS Open House offers an opportunity for parents to familiarize themselves with our offerings and course expectations while Parent/Teacher conferences is time set aside for parents to speak directly with teachers to learn first hand how their children are doing in each class. The guidance department offers a workshop for parents in

October to present the process used to assist students with making choices for their future and the procedure for college applications, followed by a workshop regarding scholarships and financial aid information in November, as well as a workshop for parents in January to address course selection for children who will be entering grade nine in the upcoming school year. “Banter and Bagels” offers students a half hour on the second Thursday of each month between 7:00 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. to meet with administrators to express concerns, ask questions or discuss topics of interest to them.

Sandy McLaughlin was named Assistant Principal of the Year. We commend Sandy for the hard work and dedication, which brought her, as well as our school community, this prestigious recognition.

Learning methods at GMHS continue to keep pace with Twenty-First Century demands. During this year, the School-to-Career Program offered over seventy-five students internships and professional learning experiences in many areas of interest including law related professions, the automotive field, day care, wildlife conservation and the field of animal medicine, to name only a few. Students in an out-of-classroom experience, learned how altitude affects barometric pressure as they traveled from the Burger King parking lot to the Belknap Mountain Parking lot. Using a laptop computer and the DeLorme Street Atlas program linked to an Earthmate (Global Positioning System) receiver, students watched as the latitude, longitude, elevation and barometric pressure changed. Meanwhile, students in the classrooms recorded the data as they followed the van’s progress on topographical maps on a classroom computer running another DeLorme Street Atlas program. Another technology experience involved students in Mike Stone’s Practical Physical Science class who contacted a former GMHS teacher and his family who were on a yearlong sea voyage using the school’s amateur radio station. Through questions they pre-prepared, students learned a great deal about living at sea. A visit to New Hampshire Electric Motors in Laconia afforded physics technology students to expand their knowledge of the use and repair of motors and generators. They learned about magnetism, voltage, current and how those values determine some of the characteristics of motor design and operation. Advanced Drafting Technology students had an opportunity to visit Eptam Plastics where they designed a micropipette holder. Dave Smith, Eptam employee, challenged students to draw a set of plans for a plastic part used as a guide for a large industrial mixer on AutoCAD software. All GMHS students celebrated “Caribbean Week,” April 10 – 14, 2000. This month-long project integrated every class and area of study into the study of the Caribbean, its culture, history, art, music, geography,

literature, vegetation, animal life, cuisine, sea life and much more. This project included a concert featuring Caribbean music. Paintings, drawings, sculptures, photos were exhibited, and the foods and nutrition classes prepared a variety of Caribbean desserts.

Our performing arts program continues to show students how to discover and use their talents. Twenty-one Gilford students took part in the Lakes Region High School Music Festival in January; two students participated in the NH All-State Music Festival, and a number of students participated in the All NE Choral Festival and All NE Music Festival as well. Middle and high school students showcased their musical talents and abilities as they performed in eight outstanding concerts. Middle school students presented *This Is A Test* in January and an unprecedented second theatrical production, *Story Theatre*, in May. High school drama students charmed their audiences with *The Miracle Worker* in March and *Man of La Mancha* in November.

Art and literature students were a source of pride for GMHS. Thirty-six students won awards at the 1999-2000 Scholastic Art Awards. Ten students received the Gold Key Award, thirteen received the Silver Key Award and eight students received Honorable Mention. The work of nine students was on display at the State-wide Student Exhibit at the Manchester Airport during Youth Art Month and five students were selected to participate in the Second Annual NH Junior All State Art Festival at the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester. Several students received top honors in the PTA Reflections State Show. First place winner, Krysten Robinette's colored pencil drawing went on to National Competition. Elizabeth Robertson, was one of 200 students selected from over 2,000 applicants from seven states to attend the New England Young Writers' Conference at Middlebury College in Vermont. Poems written by twenty-five students appeared in national publications. In celebration of National Library Week in November, eleven GMHS students who were published in either a local or national magazine were asked to read their published works to various school audiences during the day, along with Scott Hutchison, Creative Writing Teacher, who read his poem entitled "*Prom Processional*." Twenty-one students took part in the **Writers Harvest: The National Reading**. This very successful student activity is in its ninth year. Following on the heels of the school food drive (a record collection of 2,708 cans) for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, this event raised money to help fight hunger. The school magazine, *Obsessive Image*, received a First Place Award in this country-wide competition sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association.

GMHS enjoyed three successful athletic seasons during the first year

of the millennium. Although many of our teams reached the semi-finals, noteworthy accomplishments include the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team's second consecutive Class M Championship, the Junior Varsity and Middle School teams winning their respective Volleyball Tournaments, and the Boys' Alpine Ski Team bringing home the Division 3 Championship. Track and Field contenders, Gatlin Roys and Kristine Silver won State Championships; Gatlin for Pole-vault, 300 Hurdles, and Kristine for Shot-put. We commend the athletes for enhancing the level of excitement and school spirit we enjoy at GMHS, and thank the many dedicated coaches, parents and community members who help them achieve athletic success in our programs.

Again, we express our sincere appreciation and praise to each person who volunteers in our school for any reason. We are proud to report that the middle school volunteers received the BLUE RIBBON AWARD this year. This award, given through the NH Partners in Education acknowledges the number of hours volunteers donate to schools through documentation of the work they do.

This touches just the highlights of a very successful year. Many other events and individual achievements occurred which are too numerous to mention. We sincerely thank the community for the many ways in which they show interest and support for our academic, athletic and performing arts programs.

Thomas M. Sica
Principal

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 2000

Perhaps the greatest hallmark of Gilford Elementary School is the school's steadfast commitment to involve the community in every aspect of our school mission, which is to support and foster positive learning experiences for the students that we serve. Certainly, one of the most significant examples of this emphasis is the tremendous support and direct involvement of our parent volunteers. Over 150 parents, grandparents, and interested community members visit our school every week to help children and staff in many different ways. Thank you volunteers! Your commitment and involvement in the school community does make a difference. In addition to the outstanding cadre of parent volunteers, we are also very fortunate to have the benefit of service and volunteerism from the Gilford Police Department and Gilford Fire Rescue. Both agencies spend countless hours working directly with students in various school programs that help students learn about safety, health and citizenship. We appreciate the involvement of the Gilford School District Resource Officer, Denise Miller, with our faculty and students. We also benefit from a collaborative relationship with Gilford Rotary, other service organizations, the Gilford Public Library, and the Gilford Historical Society. We have extended our connections with the community this year to include a new partnership with The Center for Environmental Education at Antioch New England Institute and Prescott Farm Audubon Center. The Co-Seed project is designed to strengthen the link between school and community while helping schools meet the new standards for environmental education. This new initiative fits very nicely with the emphasis we have placed on integration of learning across the curriculum. Assistant principal, Sandra McGonagle, is the school's liaison for this project.

Curriculum innovation, assessment, and student performance are receiving a great deal of attention, particularly in the area of literacy. Two major initiatives, The Literacy Collaborative and the introduction of a new spelling program have been the focus for inservice training and professional development for the staff. The newly adopted Sitton Spelling Program stresses student accountability in the mastery and application of correct spelling in all curricula areas. The second year of our commitment to the Literacy Collaborative has involved the training of a Literacy Coordinator. Chris Roderick, one of our primary teachers, has been training, along with other professionals from throughout New England, at Lesley College in Boston. Next year, Chris will share her expertise with our primary teachers by offering a course and by visiting classes to model exemplary literacy teaching practices. The goal of the

program is to help our students become more proficient readers and writers. Proposed revisions to the present system of reporting a student's academic achievement are presently being reviewed in committee. These revisions are being made in light of the many curricular changes that have occurred in recent years.

Student enrollment has remained fairly constant this past year. We were, however, challenged by a significant increase in the fifth grade enrollment this fall. With the support and approval of the School Board, a plan was approved for the modification of existing classroom space, reducing class size by forming a fifth section, and to increase staffing as required. The plan allowed for the delivery of instruction with a minimum of disruption to the educational program.

With support from Plymouth State College and The University of New Hampshire, we continue to train teachers in the use of the Integrated Instructional Model. This model promotes the use of instructional practices that challenge students to synthesize and apply what they are learning in creative ways. The model also encourages students to use higher order thinking skills and logic to solve problems.

The application of technology across the curriculum remains a high priority. We have been very fortunate to have the support to purchase equipment, software and other technology related materials. This support has fostered an increase in the application of technology within the tech lab and in classrooms. Teacher training in the use of technology has also remained a priority. This training has been important to the success of integrating technology with instruction.

We are very proud of the extended learning opportunities that are offered to students at all grade levels. Some examples include the After-School Enrichment Program, D.A.R.E., Jazz Band, Chorus, Lakes Region Quiz Bowl, Summer Day Program, Summer Drama Program, Editorial Board, Critical Skills Program, After-School Homework Support, and Student Council. Student participation in these programs is very high.

The American International School of Rotterdam, Netherlands, continues as our overseas partnership school. We are excited that two Gilford teachers will be visiting Rotterdam for a week as part of a faculty exchange. To date, several connections have been made between faculty and students at both schools. We appreciate the opportunity that this partnership presents for Gilford students.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our parent volunteers, The Gilford District PTA, the Gilford School Board and the SAU personnel for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Tocci
Principal

**SCHOOL STATISTICS
GILFORD ELEMENTARY
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

As of December, 2000

Elementary	Grade	
	K	77
	1	76
	2	95
	3	100
	4	85
	5	<u>114</u>
	Total Elementary	547
Middle School	6	119
	7	95
	8	<u>108</u>
	Total Middle	322
High School	9	148
	10	148
	11	132
	12	<u>111</u>
	Total High	539
SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTAL		1408

**REPORT OF THE GILFORD
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2000**

Fund Balance 7/1/99	\$ 13,948.76
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REVENUES

Food Sales	\$ 290,423.40	
Special Functions	1,095.67	
Interest	-	
Misc.	174.80	
State & Fed. Reimbursement	45,197.00	
Intergovernmental Transfers	6,000.00	
Misc. Receivables	519.20	
Total Revenues		\$ 343,410.07

EXPENSES

Food	\$ 144,389.61	
Labor	167,574.49	
Expendables	7,127.88	
Repairs	5,214.34	
Misc. Purchases	365.00	
Contracted Services	330.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 325,001.32

Fund Balance 6/30/00	\$ 32,357.51
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Cash Financial Statement

Cash Balance 7/1/99	\$ 10,771.10
Total Cash Received	<u>343,869.37</u>
	\$354,640.47

Total Cash Expended	\$ 330,973.16
Cash Balance	\$ 23,667.31

Proof to Fund Balance	
Cash	\$ 23,667.31
Receivables	(+) 8,690.20
	\$ 32,357.51

Payables	(-) -	
FUND BALANCE 6/30/00		\$ <u>32,357.51</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Liebl, R.D. Gilford School Lunch Director

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
FUNDING 1999-2000**

	<u>1999-2000</u>
General Fund	923,696
Grant Programs	<u>24,627</u>
Total Sped Expenditures	948,323
Other LEAs	80,227
Catastrophic Aid	24,761
Medicaid	45,526
Grant Revenue	<u>37,000</u>
Total Revenue	187,424

Expenses are for delivery of special education instruction occupational/physical therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy and special education transportation. Grant programs and revenues are for special education services delivered through state or federal funding.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2000**

	<u>General Fund</u> <u>Actual</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	
School District Assessment	\$ 8,40,466
Other Local	1,610,952
State	385,151
Federal	45,527
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	
Operating Transfers In	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>10,532,096</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<u>Current</u>	
Instruction	5,425,541
<u>Support Services</u>	
Student	387,548
Instruction Staff	407,500
General Administration	71,256
Executive Administration	102,471
School Administration	598,721
Business	191,880
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	799,140
Student Transportation	329,144
Other	1,816,295
Non-Instructional Services	
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	139,430
Debt Service	331,313
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>36,000</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>10,636,239</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and</u>	
<u>Other Financing Sources Over (Under)</u>	
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	(104,134)
<u>Increase in Fund Balance</u>	
<u>Reserved for Special Purposes</u>	(50,000)
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>554,551</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>400,408</u>

Note: Source - Plodzick & Sunderson, Independent Auditors Report

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the School Board
Gilford School District
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform to generally accepted accounting principles. As in the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Gilford School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Gilford School District, as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with general accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Gilford School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District. Such information

has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

July 28, 2000

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Gunstock Acres Water District

GAVWD PROPOSED 2001 BUDGET

	1998	1999	2000	2000	2001
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Suggested	Projected	Preliminary Proposed
Maintenance	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$61,000	\$63,000
Supplies	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
Chemicals	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Utilities	\$25,000	\$26,500	\$29,000	\$22,000	\$26,000
District officers	\$2,000	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600
Accounting	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$1,900	\$1,680	\$1,900
Billing	\$1,800	\$1,668	\$1,718	\$1,802	\$1,900
Administration	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$204	\$500
Insurance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$561	\$1,000
Legal	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$537	\$1,000
Emergency	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
Engineering	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$500
Water quality testing	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$750	\$3,000
Interest on tax anticipation	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$1,255	\$2,000
Principal of debt.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interest of debt.	\$11,120	\$10,145	\$9,170	\$9,170	\$8,195
SRFL Principal					\$10,156
SRFL Interest and fees					\$680
Subtotal	\$179,320	\$178,813	\$171,422	\$163,559	\$182,431
Capital (or emergency)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
2000 unreserved (hookups)*					\$22,000
Special warrant article	\$112,000				
Totals	\$291,320	\$193,813	\$186,422	\$178,559	\$219,431
Estimate Revenues:					
Users 490 x \$241	\$118,090				
LOTS 279 x \$80	\$16,740				
Unreserved hookups 2000	\$22,000				
\$219,431.00	\$156,830	\$62,601 REMAINING FOR TAXES			

\$62,601 REMAINING FOR TAXES

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 13th of March, 2001 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and on Wednesday, the 14th of March 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Add a new article to the zoning ordinance entitled ‘Adult Entertainment and Business Uses’, with the purpose to regulate deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses, by providing definitions of terms used in the regulations, establishing setbacks from other users and regulating the signs which may be displayed by businesses regulated.”

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend the zoning ordinance by defining the term ‘impact fee’, adding a new article entitled ‘Impact Fees’ with a purpose to comply with a ruling of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in *Simonsen v Town of Derry* (November 15, 2000) to allow the planning board to continue to require a developer to pay reasonable fees for off-site improvements created by the proposed development, pursuant to RSA 674:21,V, by providing for the authority of the planning board, and making provisions for the amount, accounting of, assessment and payment, refund and of impact fees and appeals from decisions of the planning board.”

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Article 9 Non Conforming Lots, Uses by allowing additions to non conforming parts of buildings, where the addition does not create new, occupiable gross floor area and the function of the addition is limited to be a connection and also by allowing conforming additions to be connected to existing buildings which are entirely in

a setback, where the connection is limited to one third of the footprint of the nonconforming building.”

Amendment #4. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend the zoning ordinance by adding a new article entitled ‘Architectural Design Standards’, with a purpose to regulate the design and aesthetic quality of buildings in the Commercial, Resort Commercial and Professional Commercial zoning districts by establishing design standards of building scale, architectural design, roofs, windows, entrances, pedestrian connections and building materials.”

Amendment #5. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Article 8 Signs, to allow a sign, lawfully erected in a deeded right of way to remain, in the event that the qualifying right of way is rescinded, revoked or otherwise made ineffective provided that the sign has been in place for two years, that the loss of the qualifying right of way is due to the actions of a governmental agency acting in the interest of public safety and the Board of Selectmen find, after a public hearing, that the actions of the governmental agency were in their authority and in the interest of public safety.”

SECOND SESSION

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, securing easements and for the construction of the Village Interceptor Sewer that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the terms and conditions thereof, in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote and written ballot, polls to remain open at least 1 hour after discussion has ended.) (Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,638,156 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 373,256
4130		
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	166,648
4150	Financial Administration	343,430

4152	Appraisal Expenses	119,883
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,097,892
4191	Planning & Zoning	177,420
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	229,645
4195	Cemeteries	3,650
4196	Insurance	68,800
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,532

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,863,922 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,058,750
4215	General Operations - Ambulance Service	63,200
4220	General Operations - Fire	697,894
4290.1	Civil Defense	1
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	39,777
4414.1	New Hampshire Humane Society	4,300

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,836,391 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 94,840
4312	Highway Division	676,327
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	151,828
4324	Solid Waste Management	368,192
4326	Sewer Department	511,150
4330	Laconia Water Works	17,054

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 95,086 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4290.9	American Red Cross	\$ 2,400
4419.1	Lakes Region Community Health & Hospice	19,000
4419.2	Lakes Region General Hospital	3,700

4419.3	Lakes Region Family Services	3,500
4419.4	Community Action Program	4,486
4419.5	New Beginnings	1,500
4441	General Assistance	60,500

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,275 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 140,918
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,510
4550	Library	182,720
4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,075
4130.5	Historic District Commission	500
4611	Conservation Commission	7,552

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 385,677 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 270,529
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	90,147
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1 for the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 11.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$626,152 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements – Library	4,300
	Capital Improvements – Administration	28,650
	Capital Improvements – Police	87,500
	Capital Improvements – Fire	23,553
	Capital Improvements – Highway	83,000
4903	Buildings	
	Town Hall Improvements	\$ 30,000

	Administration – Library Space Study	6,850
	Recreation	6,300
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	
	Highway Reconstruction	\$ 355,999

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,545 to purchase a new fire truck for the Fire Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund -	\$ 150,000
To be raised by taxation -	\$ 55,545

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$225,000 to purchase a dump truck and sweeper for the Public Works Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund -	\$ 175,000
To be raised by taxation -	\$ 50,000

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and AFSCME, Local 534, regarding DPW employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

2001	\$37,423
2002	\$58,430
2003	\$78,817

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,423 which represents the additional costs payable in 2001 attributable to cost and benefit increases under the agreement. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the purchase of a triangular piece of land located adjacent to the former Blaisdell Avenue, said tract being previously conveyed in error by the 1968 Town Meeting, and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept ownership of that tract of land and convey the fee to said portion to the owners of Map 201, Lot 33, under such terms and conditions as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the preservation, restoration and collection management efforts of Thompson-Ames Historical Society, our town's non-profit cultural organization committed to celebrating and preserving Gilford's heritage. (By petition of Joan Nelson and others.) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Village Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund, as established by the voters at the 1996 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to ratify an Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Laconia and the Town of Gilford governing economic development activities.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's undivided interest in and to seven tracts of land within the Town of Gilford, described as follows:

Tracts I – V in a deed from the City of Laconia to the Town of Gilford, dated February 15, 1984 recorded in Book 864, Page 653, such tract containing 86.65 acres, more or less;

A tract as described in a Declaration of Condemnation v. M.J. Orton dated January 11, 1983 recorded in Book 837, Page 205 at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, such tract containing 2.99 acres, more or less;

A tract as described in a Declaration of Condemnation v. M.J. Orton, E.J. Cone, et. al. dated January 11, 1983 recorded in Book 837, Page 218 at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, such tract containing 20.99 acres, more or less;

Such conveyances to be subject to such items and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the first \$9,000.00, and 50% of the next \$32,000 of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. The revenues collected and placed in the Conservation Fund shall not exceed \$25,000 in any one year.


ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$ 9,998.74 from the Rowe House Special Revenue Fund established at the 1992 Annual Meeting to reimburse the general fund for repairs and improvements made to the Rowe House, pursuant to RSA 31:95-c.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to expand the Board of Library Trustees to five members. At the 2002 annual town meeting there shall be chosen, by ballot and by major vote, 2 additional Trustees, to hold office for 2 years, and 1 year, respectively, and thereafter, at every annual meeting, trustees whose terms expire shall be so chosen to hold office for 3 years.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to grant an easement to Meadowbrook Farm, from Kimball Road over land owned by the town, on terms and conditions to be determined by the selectmen. This easement is for the purpose of providing a second access to Meadowbrook Farm land and will be granted in consideration of Meadowbrook Farm relinquishing another right of access that it owns across airport land.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand One.



Robert A. Walter

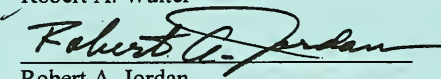

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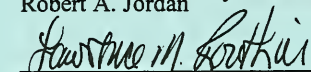

Lawrence M. Routhier

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford to meet for the 2001 Town Meeting at the time and place indicated in this Warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on February 20, 2001, at the Gilford Middle High School, the place of meeting, and at the Town Hall, Gilford Public Library and Department of Public Works.


Robert A. Walter


Robert A. Jordan


Lawrence M. Routhier

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of February 2001.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: GILFORD

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)		Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS
Acct. #	WARR. Prior Year As ART. # Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		RECOMMENDED		NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive	356,349	369,415	373,256	373,256	373,256	373,256	XXXXXXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	157,419	149,963	166,648	166,648	166,648	166,648	XXXXXXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration	122,310	104,979	343,430	343,430	343,430	343,430	XXXXXXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property	65,193	73,926	119,883	119,883	119,883	119,883	XXXXXXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense	50,000	34,546	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	XXXXXXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	936,388	850,359	1,097,892	1,097,892	1,097,892	1,097,892	XXXXXXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	183,252	162,469	177,630	177,630	177,420	177,420	210
4194	General Government Buildings	226,638	193,121	229,995	229,995	229,645	229,645	350
4195	Cemeteries	3,600	3,521	3,650	3,650	3,650	3,650	XXXXXXXXXX
4196	Insurance	187,009	125,442	68,800	68,800	68,800	68,800	XXXXXXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			7,532	7,532	7,532	7,532	XXXXXXXXXX
4199	Other General Government							XXXXXXXXXX
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police	982,206	1,012,030	1,058,750	1,058,750	1,058,750	1,058,750	XXXXXXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance	58,611	54,583	63,200	63,200	63,200	63,200	XXXXXXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire	677,170	647,522	697,894	697,894	697,894	697,894	XXXXXXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection							XXXXXXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management	1		1	1	1	1	XXXXXXXXXX
4299	Other (Including Communications)	41,683	41,683	44,077	44,077	44,077	44,077	XXXXXXXXXX
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							XXXXXXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration	89,901	92,101	95,090	95,090	94,840	94,840	250
4312	Highways & Streets	659,081	571,531	676,327	676,327	676,327	676,327	XXXXXXXXXX
4313	Bridges							XXXXXXXXXX

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

4316	Street Lighting		17,000	17,443	17,000		17,000	
4319	Vehicle Maint.		135,136	157,302	151,828		151,828	

SANITATION

4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		352,715	347,459	368,192		368,192	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4328	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		434,868	468,904	511,150		511,150	

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4338	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		17,054	18,483	17,054		17,054	

ELECTRIC

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							

HEALTH/WELFARE

4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		34,173	34,173	34,586		34,586	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		50,500	63,492	60,500		60,500	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
			Prior Year	As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	Expenditures	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

CULTURE & RECREATION										
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		139,761		121,925		148,428		148,428	
4550-4559	Library		158,961		162,069		182,720		182,720	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6,075		6,063		6,075		6,075	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		10,550		10,045		550		500	50

CONSERVATION										
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		2,351		397		7,552		7,552	
4619	Other Conservation									
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING									
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		104,000		104,000					

DEBT SERVICE										
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		261,542		265,838		270,529		270,529	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		112,824		112,824		90,147		90,147	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		25,000				25,000		25,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service									

CAPITAL OUTLAY										
4901	Land		10,000		0					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		564,922		414,077		657,248	300	657,548	
4903	Buildings		40,537		18,799		43,150		43,150	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		260,000		270,921		350,000	5,999	355,999	

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT										
4912	To Special Revenue Fund									
4913	To Capital Projects Fund									
4914	To Enterprise Fund									
	Sewer-									
	Water-									

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5,000	32,524	5,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	10,205	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		150,300	135,738	117,200
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		16,300	23,452	16,300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		975,000	1,189,244	1,100,000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		33,000	33,316	33,316
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		90,000	71,093	60,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		151,094	223,884	151,094
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		141,534	150,370	161,331
3354	Water Pollution Grant		27,500	27,610	31,107
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1,327	1,913	1,800
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		383,825	510,797	328,730
3409	Other Charges		140,000	140,000	140,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		15,000	29,083	15,000
3502	Interest on Investments		125,000	221,205	150,000
3503-3509	Other		22,800	12,809	21,454
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont. XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		225,000	225,000	325,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				3,000,000
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		429,000	429,000	774,581
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		3,371,418	3,753,558	6,948,063

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	SELECTMEN'S	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S
	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	8,287,988	8,221,205
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	3,000,000	3,010,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	37,424	37,424
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	11,325,412	11,268,629
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	6,948,063	6,948,063
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	4,377,349	4,320,566

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 789,795
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND
OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING
2001
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilford Middle-High School in said district on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March, 2001, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the District Officers:


1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

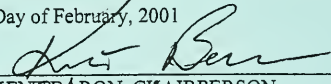
And, to vote on the following Senate Bill 2 (SB2) Petition:

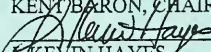
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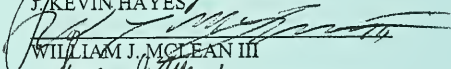
The foregoing procedure calling for election of your District Officers at the annual Town Meeting is authorized by statute (RSA 671:22) and adopted by the District.

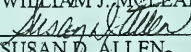
Given under our hands and seals this Nineteenth Day of February, 2001

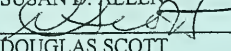



KENT BARON, CHAIRPERSON

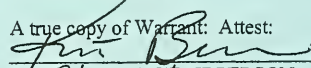

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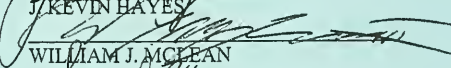

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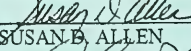

DOUGLAS SCOTT

A true copy of Warrant: Attest:


KENT BARON, CHAIRPERSON


J. KEVIN HAYES


WILLIAM J. MCLEAN


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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24
OF Gilford (SAU # 72) NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

IMPORTANT:

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3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3A)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/99 to 6/30/00	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		4,422,109.47	4,676,958	4,898,005		4,898,005	
1200-1299	Special Programs		705,864.77	921,985	1,079,654		1,079,654	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		16,817.51	24,585	27,840		27,840	
1400-1499	Other Programs		280,749.84	308,347	351,256		351,256	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES(2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		387,548.35	413,281	427,663		427,663	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		407,500.02	466,390	459,671		459,671	
General Administration								
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		71,255.54	38,400	40,200		40,200	
Executive Administration								
2320-310	SAU Management Services							
2320-2399	All Other Executive		102,471.30	107,990	107,775		107,775	
2400-2499	School Administration Service		598,720.58	646,377	654,702		654,702	
2500-2599	Business		191,879.96	183,726	189,483		189,483	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		799,139.74	871,473	942,918		942,918	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		329,143.68	396,099	420,181		420,181	
2800-2899	Other Support Service		1,816,294.91	2,021,931	2,361,488		2,361,488	
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES								
3000-3999			336,367.02	359,000	359,572		359,572	
FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION								
4000-4999			139,430.38	617,002	2		2	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		285,000.00	476,127	480,000		480,000	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		46,312.50	118,337	91,126		91,126	

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Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/99 to 6/30/00	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
FUND TRANSFERS								
5220-5221	To Food Service		6,000.00	8,000	8,000		8,000	
5222-5223	To Other Special Revenue-Federal Projects		155,577.94	140,959	140,959		140,959	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves			50,000	0		0	
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see below)		30,000.00	80,000	0		0	
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL I		11,128,183.51	12,926,967	13,040,495	0	13,040,495	

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ _____ (see RSA 198:20-c, V)

Help! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FY
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
1300-1349	Tuition		1,486,758.63	1,425,398	1,551,521
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		12,446.82	11,000	11,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		298,160.32	312,150	314,572
1700-1799	Student Activities		2,700.00	1,150	1,150
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		82,328.76	77,450	103,500
	Other Local Sources - Rental Fees				
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
3210	School Building Aid		86,121.97	141,705	167,382
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		24,671.20	20,635	20,635
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		2,730.24	2,700	2,700
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		3,020.00	3,000	3,000
3270	Driver Education		11,850.00	15,000	15,000
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		118,577.94	105,959	105,959
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		53,872.70	42,000	42,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		37,000.00	35,000	35,000
4580	Medicaid Distribution		45,526.69	40,000	40,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes	1,2			16,246,887
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		24,847.75		
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FY
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	5	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				61,114
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balances		XXXXXXXXXX	50,000	50,000
	Fund Balances to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	400,408	100,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			2,290,613.02	2,683,555	18,810,306

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
TOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	13,040,495	13,040,495
TOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	16,841,010	16,841,010
TOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	61,114	61,114
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	29,942,619	29,942,619
Use: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	18,810,306	18,810,306
Use: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	4,665,499	4,665,499
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	6,466,814	6,466,814

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18 is:
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 76:3 and you may be
required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amount of \$ N/A .

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2001 AT 10:00 A.M.
WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE GILFORD MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT ON SATURDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF MARCH, 2001 AT 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE I Building Bond Issue

(Special Warrant Article) To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$14,789,942)** for the construction of a new High School and related costs, contingent upon;

The deeding of the second parcel of the Carye property;
Gilmanton's continued participation in the AREA Agreement; and,
Bond Council's affirmative endorsement of the bond sale.

Furthermore, to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate up to **Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Eight Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$14,789,942)** of bond or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33).

And further, to appropriate the additional sum of **Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Eight Four Dollars (\$439,484)** in interest, bond counsel, and bond sale costs. These amounts to be raised through general taxation.

A 2/3 ballot vote is required.

School Board: Recommends Approval **Budget Committee:** Recommends Approval

ARTICLE II. Athletic/Recreation Fields Bond Issue

(Special Warrant Article) To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,456,945)** for the development/building of the meadows athletic/recreation fields and related facilities, contingent upon;

The deeding of the second parcel of the Carye property;
Gilmanton's continued participation in the AREA Agreement; and,
Bond Counsel's affirmative endorsement of the bond sale.

Furthermore, to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate up to **One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,456,945)** of bond or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33).

And further, to appropriate the additional sum of **Fifty Four Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$54,639)** in interest, bond counsel, and bond sale costs. These amounts to be raised through general taxation

A 2/3 ballot vote is required.

School Board: Recommends Approval **Budget Committee:** Recommends Approval

ARTICLE III.

District Officers Salaries

To see if the School District will set the salaries of District Officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
District Clerk:	20.00
Chairperson of School Board:	1,500.00
School Board Members (4) each	1,000.00
District Treasurer	1,600.00

School Board: Recommends Approval

Budget Committee: Recommends Approval

ARTICLE IV.

School District Reports

To see if the School District will approve the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees as printed in the 2000 Town Report.

ARTICLE V.

Village Sewer Plan

(Individual Warrant Article) To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty One Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$61,114)** for the connection of the present Gilford Middle High School and Gilford Elementary School septic system to the proposed Village Sewer System by withdrawing \$61,114 from the Expendable Trust Fund created for this purpose.

School Board: Recommends Approval

Budget Committee: Recommends Approval

ARTICLE VI.

A.C. Capital Reserve Fund

(Special Warrant Article) To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the School District Air Conditioner Replacement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund as previously established.

School Board: Recommends Approval

Budget Committee: Recommends Approval

ARTICLE VII.

Special Education Expendable Trust

(Special Warrant Article) To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the School District Special Education Emergency Expendable Trust Fund, previously established for the purpose of meeting significant and unanticipated Special Education student costs. This expense to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30.

School Board: Recommends Approval

Budget Committee: Recommends Approval

ARTICLE VIII.

General Budget Funds

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen Million, Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$13,040,495)** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This Article is inclusive of the costs in Articles III, but does not include the amounts in Articles I, II, V, VI and VII.


School Board: Recommends Approval

Budget Committee: Recommends Approval

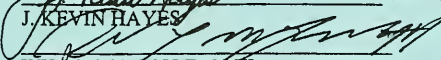
ARTICLE IX. Citizen Petition: "To see if the Town of Gilford will vote not to renew the AREA Agreement with the Town of Gilmanton."

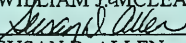
ARTICLE X. Adjournment
To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd Day of February, 2001


KENT BARON, CHAIRPERSON



J. KEVIN HAYES


WILLIAM J. MCLEAN III



SUSAN D. ALLEN

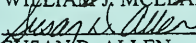
DOUGLAS SCOTT

A true copy of Warrant: Attest:


KENT BARON, CHAIRPERSON


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NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND
OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING
2001
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilford Middle-High School in said district on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March, 2001, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the District Officers:


1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

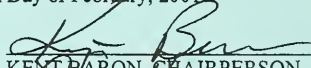
And, to vote on the following Senate Bill 2 (SB2) Petition:

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Gilford School district?"

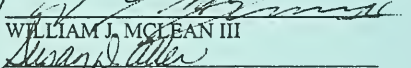
The foregoing procedure calling for election of your District Officers at the annual Town Meeting is authorized by statute (RSA 671:22) and adopted by the District.

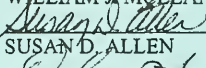
Given under our hands and seals this Nineteenth Day of February, 2001




KENT BARON, CHAIRPERSON

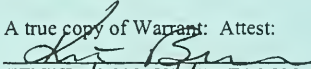

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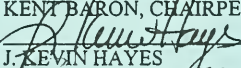

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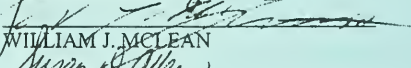

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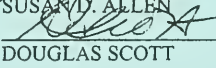
A true copy of Warrant: Attest:


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